

Welcome to Worship!



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Invitation

“For Wesley, prevenient grace was the porch of religion. Some people live out their days on the porch. They experience God’s grace at the edge, on the periphery. We do not disparage such porch dwellers. Indeed, becoming aware of the gifts that one can enjoy on the porch is itself an act of grace.” Kenneth Carder

September Worship Series: “Grace. Period.”

The concept of “grace” is key to our United Methodist understanding of how God works. On three Sundays in September, instead of a sermon, we’ll have a mini-hymn sing. There will also be commentary about how each hymn expresses something about God’s love and forgiveness offered unconditionally as a gift to us throughout our lives.



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Helping People 'Say Yes' to God

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Welcome to worship at First UMC Baraboo. Our mission is 'Helping people 'Say Yes' to God. "Do no harm, do all the good you can and stay in love with God" are the three simple rules we seek to live by. As you wait for worship to begin, please sign the pew pad register. First time guests are invited to fill out a visitor card in the pew and place it in the offering plate. Children are always welcome in worship; 'busy bags' are available just outside the door to fellowship hall. Our staffed nursery is available for children infants through age five.

Prelude / Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Opening Prayer

†Welcoming One Another in the Name of Christ

†Hymn "There's a Spirit of Love in this Place" (Mark Miller)
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**There's a spirit of love in this place,
There's a spirit of love in this place,
You can't see it but it's here, just as precious as the air,
There's a spirit of love in this place.**

**There's the presence of peace in this room,
There's the presence of peace in this room,
In God's tenderness is found peace that passes human bounds,
There's the presence of peace in this room.**

**O, Alleluia, sing alleluia, we bless your holy name.
O, Alleluia, sing alleluia,
There's a spirit of love in this place.**

**There's a space for grace in our hearts,
There's a space for grace in our hearts,
It's in learning to forgive that our spirits truly live,
There's a space for grace in our hearts.**

**O, Alleluia, sing alleluia, we bless your holy name.
O, Alleluia, sing alleluia, there's a space for grace,
there's the presence of peace, there's a spirit of love in this place.**

Introduction of Sunday School Teachers

*Yulia Yankovskaya
Children's Ministry Coordinator*

A Blessing for Learners (unison)

Gracious God, as we gather today, we remember our role as learners and seekers of the faith. We give thanks for all those who support the teaching and learning that takes place through our congregation. Be with all — children, youth, and adults — who will be participating this year in our Sunday School, SPIRIT Night, Confirmation, adult Sunday School and small groups. Bless our times of study so that we may grow in faith. Bless our times of fellowship so that we may truly live as loyal friends in faith, always keeping the door open for one more to enter in. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Welcome to Hymn Sing – Prevenient Grace

“The Porch of Religion”

Reading from the New Testament (unison)

Revelation 3:20

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

Special Music

“Somebody's Knocking at My Door” - *The Band*

Somebody's knockin' at your door;

Somebody's knockin' at your door;

O sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knockin' at your door.

Leader: *(sings)*

Congregation: Somebody's knockin' at your door.

Leader: *(sings)*

Congregation: Somebody's knockin' at your door.

O sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knockin' at your door.

†Hymn – *God Calls Our Name* “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

The U.M. Hymnal #344

Verses 1 & 2

Reading from the Psalms – Psalm 23

The U.M. Hymnal, p. 137

