

# *Welcome to Worship!*

October 15, 2017



## *Hospitality*

*“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” Hebrews 13:2*

*“I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Matthew 25:43*



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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. If you are a first time guest, please fill out a visitor card (found in the pew racks). 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.

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Prelude / Ringing of the Bell

"Three Marches" (John Lee)

Introit

"Holy Ground"

*The Band*

Welcome

Special Music

"This is the Day"

*Tone Chimes & Rainbow Bells*

†Call to Worship

As Abraham welcomed the strangers

**So God welcomes us.**

God greets us with joy

**and says, "rest here for awhile."**

God brings out water to wash our dusty feet.

**God prepares a meal to nourish our weary spirits.**

So let us receive the gracious hospitality of our God.

**Let us rest in this holy place**

**where there is shade and water, food and laughter.**

†Hymn

"Surely, the Presence of the Lord is in this Place"

*The U.M. Hymnal #328*

†Greeting One Another in the Name of Christ

Reading from the Hebrew Scripture

Genesis 18:1-15

Special Music

“Be Our Guest”

*Tone Chimes*

Reading from the Christian Scripture

Hebrews 13:1-2 (unison)

**Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.**

Response to the Word

“Live in Charity”

*The Faith We Sing #2179*

**Live in charity and steadfast love,  
Live in charity, God will dwell with you.**

†Hymn

“The God of Abraham Praise”

*The U.M. Hymnal #116*

Sermon

“Entertaining Angels”

Invitation to the Offering

Tim O’Keefe

*Finance Committee Chairperson*

Offering

“Dance” (C. Alexander Peloquin)

†Offering Response

“Lord, You Are More Precious Than Silver”

*The Faith We Sing #2065*

†Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**O God, you invite us to participate in a hospitality which is something else! Help us not only to accept it with thanksgiving, but to freely share it with others. Make us not only receivers but generous and unpretentious givers. To the glory of your name, through Christ Jesus. Amen!**

Special Music

“All My Days” (Mark Miller)

*The Band*

Unison Prayer (Rebeca Jiménez Yoder)

**Lord, give us the eyes of Jesus to see our neighbors and the strangers we meet. Teach us what it means to love the stranger as we love ourselves. Forgive us for our selfishness, for our silence, for not caring enough for the strangers who come to our communities. Teach us to love and care for the stranger the way you do. Amen.**

Mission Moment

Paul Esser  
*Sun Prairie United Methodist Church*

Joys & Concerns

Spoken Prayer / The Lord’s Prayer

*The U.M. Hymnal #895*

Announcements

†Hymn

“Step by Step” (David Strasser)  
*Led by The Band*

**O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.  
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.  
I will seek you in the morning,  
and I will learn to walk in your ways;  
And step by step you’ll lead me,  
and I will follow you all of my days.  
And step by step you’ll lead me,  
and I will follow you all of my days.**

*(CCLI #3191855)*

†Benediction

†Postlude

“Step by Step”  
*The Band*

The Reconciling Ministries team invites you to join in conversation with Paul and Carol Esser immediately following worship. Topics such as “what does it mean to be a Reconciling Congregation in the United Methodist Church?” will be discussed. Refreshments will be served.

† = *Please rise if you are able*

**SERVING YOU TODAY...**

Pastor ..... Marianne Cotter  
Liturgist ..... Kim Shrake  
Church Opener ..... Jim Cotter  
Greeter(s) ..... Youth  
Usher(s) ..... Youth  
A/V Powerpoint & Booth ..... Mike Hanson & Michael Lutz  
Worship Music ..... Barb Kell  
Tone Chimes / Rainbow Bells director ..... Aimee Lutz

*Thanks to The Band, Tone Chimes and Rainbow Bells for providing today’s special music!*