

Welcome to Worship!

4th Sunday in Epiphany

January 28, 2018



The Word of God

“And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14

This service concludes our three part series about worship called “The Sanctuary.” The pulpit is our visual focus today. What does it mean for us to listen deeply to scripture being read? In what ways are all of us called to be interpreters of the Word of God?



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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 thru age five.

Prelude

Bruce Rasmussen, Worship Musician

Ring of the Bell

Welcome

†Call to Worship

from Psalm 119:105-109

The Message

By your words I can see where I'm going;
they throw a beam of light on my dark path.

Lavish your finest sayings on me, GOD;

Teach me your holy rules.

I inherited your book on living; it's mine forever—
what a gift! And how happy it makes me!

I concentrate on doing exactly what you say—

I always have and always will.

†Hymn

"Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet"

The U.M. Hymnal #601

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination (read responsively)

Open our hearts

That the Holy Spirit may move through the Reading of the Word.

Open our minds

That we may hear again the story of salvation

Open our doors

That all may know the love and grace of Christ.

Sung Response to the Word

“Sanctuary”
The Faith We Sing #2164
(twice through)

Reading from the Hebrew Scripture

Psalms 119:1-5-109

Responsive Reading from the Christian Scripture

Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

Then he began to say to them,

“Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

“The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me” (Jim Stratheede)
Jim Cotter, guitar and vocals

†Hymn

“Deep in the Shadows of the Past”
The Faith We Sing #2246

Sermon

“The Word of God”

Offering

†Offering Response

The U.M. Hymnal #95

†Prayer of Dedication (unison)

There is no church without its people; We are this church! We are all it means inside these walls and all it stands for out in the world. We dedicate these gifts to the church we embody with our hands and our hearts. Amen.

Dedication of Mission Trip Participants

Joys and Concerns

After you share a joy or concern, you are invited to add “God of healing” or “God of celebration” or use other appropriate wording and then the congregation will respond, “Hear our prayer!”

Spoken Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

The U.M. Hymnal #895

Announcements

Hymn

*“Wonderful Words of Life”
The U.M. Hymnal #600*

†Benediction

†Postlude

† = *Please rise if you are able*

SERVING YOU TODAY...

Pastor Marianne Cotter
Liturgist Jim Cotter
Church Opener Jim Cotter
Greeter(s) Gladys Orton
Usher(s) Jerry & Sandy Jackson
A/V Powerpoint & Booth Mike Hanson & Mike Pullen
Worship Music Bruce Rasmussen