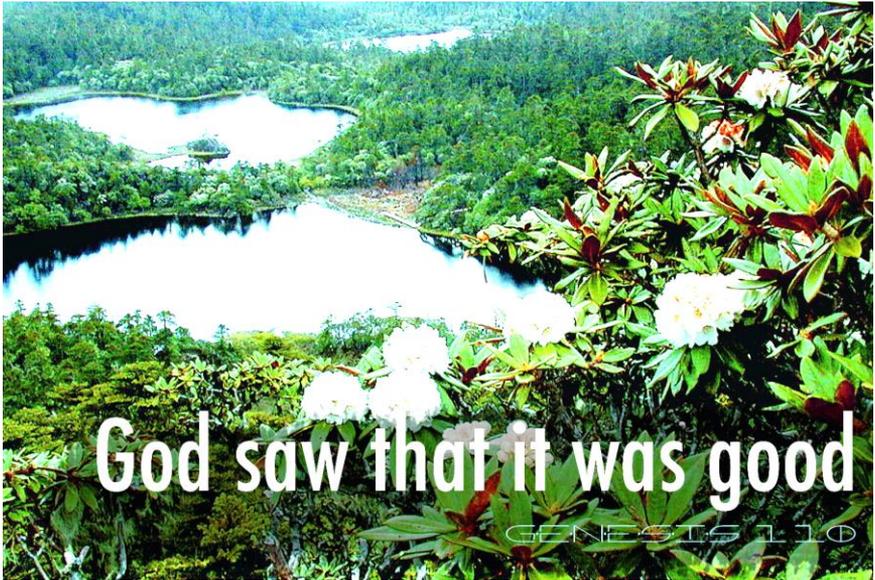


# *Welcome to Worship!*

Last Sunday before Lent

February 11, 2018



*The physical part of you is not some piece of property belonging to the spiritual part of you. God owns the whole works.  
So let people see God in and through your body.  
~1 Corinthians 6:20 (The Message)*

*God looked over everything he had made;  
it was so good, so very good! ~Genesis 1:31 (The Message)*

## The Bible and Homosexuality

*This is the third in a series on sermons on the Bible and homosexuality. Today we explore one of the texts used to defend the traditionalist view that "homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teachings." I'll try to answer the question: What did Romans 1:26-27 mean when Paul wrote it, and what does it mean for us today?*



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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.*

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Prelude

*Barb Kell, Worship Musician*

Ringing of the Bell / Welcome

†Call to Worship

*Pastor Marianne*

God is good. **All the time.**

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When the world was created, **God called it good.**

When Christ lives in us, **God's goodness is revealed.**

It is good and joyful, always and everywhere,

**To worship God together!**

†Hymn

*"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

*The U.M. Hymnal #92 - Verses 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6*

†Affirmation of Faith

*"Our Social Creed"*

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.**

We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.

**We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.**

We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.

**We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.**

We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

**We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.**

Children's Message

Special Music

"Shine on Us" (Michael W. Smith)  
*The Band*

Reading: Hebrew Scripture

Psalms 95:1-7  
*The U.M. Hymnal, p. 814*

Reading: Christian Scripture

Romans 1:18-28 & 1 Corinthians 6:20

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**We, your servants, are listening Lord!**

†Hymn

"Alleluia"  
*The U.M. Hymnal #186*

Sermon

"The Bible and Homosexuality: Romans 1:26-27"

Offering

†Offering Response

*The U.M. Hymnal #94*

†Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**Radiant God, your light shines on us in the face of Jesus Christ.**

**May these gifts be used to increase our witness to your light in the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen,**

Mission Moment

"Food for Kidz"  
*Paige Goeckermann*

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

“For Everyone Born, a Place at the Table”  
(Shirley Erena Murray)

- 1. For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead,
- 2. For woman and man, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair,

Refrain

and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!

- 3. For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong,
- 4. For gay and for straight, a place at the table,  
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,  
a rainbow of race and gender and color,  
for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace, (Refrain)
- 6. For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free, (Refrain)

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†Benediction

†Postlude

† = Please rise if you are able

**SERVING YOU TODAY...**

Pastor .....	Marianne Cotter
Liturgist .....	Peter Murray
Church Opener .....	Mondy Shogren
Greeter(s) .....	Tilda Lund
Usher(s) .....	Don & Diana Fox
A/V Powerpoint & Booth .....	Mike Hanson & Jerry Jackson
Worship Music .....	Barb Kell

*Thank you to The Band for providing music for today's service!*