

Welcome to Worship!

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018



“Lent: Springtime of the Soul”

Lent means “springtime.” During Lent this year, each Sunday we’ll explore a different quality to cultivate in our souls. Today we look at how we can grow our faith through developing the virtue of “hope.”

*“Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul,
And sings the tune without the words,
And never stops at all...” Emily Dickinson*



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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

Take my hand and we will touch a rainbow

Flying, O so high above the earth

Take my hand and we will go together

When the road seems long

We can sing this song.

Take my hand and we'll fly on together

Far above the life down there below

Take my hand and nothing there will harm you

When you feel alone, we will soon be home.

Sometimes we're afraid to face the future

Plagued by doubt and chained by dark of night

Look beyond the dark clouds of this moment

To the rainbow dancing in the light.

Take my hand and we'll fly on forever

Up where bluebirds sing and eagles soar

Take my hand and soon we'll reach tomorrow

Love is reaching back from Heaven's Door

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†Hymn

“Blessed Assurance”
The U.M. Hymnal #369

Children’s Message

Special Music

“Be Still My Soul”
duet by Charlene Flygt and Keri Olson

Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 25:1-10
(with Sung Response #2)
The U.M. Hymnal, p. 756

Reading from the Hebrew Scripture

Genesis 9:8-17

Reading from the Christian Scripture

1 Peter 8:18-22

†Hymn

“My Hope is Built”
The U.M. Hymnal #368

Reading from the Gospels

Mark 1:9-15

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

We, your servants, are listening Lord!

Sermon

“Hope – Keep Your Eye on the Sky”
Rev. Stephen Getsinger

Offering

†Offering Response

The U.M. Hymnal #95

†Prayer of Dedication (read responsively)

God of the wilderness, we give these offerings in hope,

knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world.

And with these offerings, we give ourselves;

May we live with generous hearts, with open hands. Amen.

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

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

The U.M. Hymnal #140

†Benediction

†Postlude

† = *Please rise if you are able*

SERVING YOU TODAY...

Guest Pastor.....	Stephen Getsinger
Liturgist	Joan Fordham
Church Opener	<i>TBD</i>
Greeter(s).....	<i>TBD</i>
Usher(s).....	Chris Kuter & Kandie Beckwith
A/V Powerpoint & Booth	Mike Hanson & Alice Schellenberger
Worship Music	Bruce Rasmussen

Thank you to Charlene Flygt and Keri Olson for providing special music!