

# *Welcome to Worship!*

Third Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2018



*“Lent: Springtime of the Soul”*

*“I would feed you with the finest of the wheat,  
and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.”*

*Psalm 81:16*

*“Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ, his Son...” (Henry Smith)*



## **First United Methodist Church**

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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 have a joy or concern today, fill out one of the cards provided and place it in the offering plate when it is passed.** 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*

Ring of the Bell

Welcome

†Passing of the Peace

†Call to Worship

How shall we enter the house of the Lord?

**With songs of great praise and rejoicing!**

How shall we prepare ourselves to receive God's blessings?

**With hearts, minds, and spirits that are open.**

Come, let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**God's steadfast love endures forever!**

†Hymn

*"He Has Made Me Glad"*

*The Faith We Sing #2270*

Children's Message

Prayer of Confession

**Creator God, forgive our moments of ingratitude  
the spiritual blindness that prevents us  
from appreciating the wonder that is this world  
the endless cycle of nature  
of life and death and rebirth.**

**Forgive us for taking without giving  
reaping without sowing.  
Open our eyes to see  
our lips to praise and our hands to share.  
May we tread lightly upon the earth  
our footsteps always following the way of Jesus. Amen.**

Special Music "God of Wonders"  
*The Band*

Reading from the Hebrew Scripture Psalm 107:1-9, 43

Reading from the Christian Scripture Colossians 3:12-17

Response to the Word  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God!**

†Hymn "Give Thanks"  
*The Faith We Sing #2036*

Sermon "Gratitude"

Offering

†Offering Response "We Are an Offering" (Chris Christian)  
**We lift our voices,  
We lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to You,  
We are an offering.  
Lord use our voices,  
Lord use our hands,  
Lord use our lives they are Yours,  
We are an offering.  
We are an offering.**  
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†Prayer of Dedication (spoken by liturgist)  
*O God, Your steadfast love endures forever. We have experienced  
your steadfast love in our very own lives. Our giving of these gifts is  
our witness to this love. Use these gifts so that others may find  
perfect freedom in knowing, loving and serving you. Amen.*

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Words of Institution

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

The Lord’s Prayer

*The U.M. Hymnal #895*

Distribution of Communion – Special Music by The Band

*“There’s a Promise”*

*“In Remembrance of Me”*

*“Round the Table”*

*All are welcome to receive Communion; you do not need to be a member of this church or a member of the United Methodist Church. This is the Lord’s Table; he is the host and we are all his guests. At the direction of the ushers you will be invited to come forward, and you will be given a piece of bread and a small cup of grape juice. Those in the balcony will be served first. Please come down the center aisle and return to your seats using the side aisles. Gluten free communion wafers are available upon request.*

Closing Prayer

Announcements

†Hymn

*“God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale”*

*The U.M. Hymnal #122*

†Benediction

†Postlude

† = *Please rise if you are able*

**SERVING YOU TODAY...**

Pastor .....	Marianne Cotter
Liturgist .....	TBD
Church Opener .....	Alice Schellenberger
Greeter(s) .....	Rajeane Bender
Usher(s) .....	Gary & Jacki Crawford
A/V Powerpoint & Booth .....	Mike Hanson & Alice Schellenberger
Worship Music .....	Barb Kell

*Thank you to The Band for providing special music!*