

Welcome to Worship!

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018



Lent: Springtime of the Soul "Wisdom"

Our theme for Lent is "Springtime of the Soul." Each Sunday we're exploring a virtue which we want to cultivate in our souls, so our faith can grow in a sustainable way.

"Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold..." ~Proverbs 8:10

"What is this wisdom that has been given to him?" ~Mark 6:2



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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.

A student once asked the theologian Karl Barth if he could summarize his whole life's work in theology in a sentence. Barth reportedly answered, "Yes, I can. In the words of a song, I learned at my mother's knee: 'Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.'"

Prelude

Bruce Rasmussen, Worship Musician

Ring of the Bell

Welcome

†Call to Worship

from a song with lyrics by London Homeless Man

Set to music by Gavin Bryars

Jesus blood never failed me yet-

never failed me yet

Jesus blood never failed me yet -

there's one thing I know

because he loves me so....

†Hymn

"Jesus Loves Me"

The U.M. Hymnal #191

†Passing of the Peace

Children's Message

Prayer for Wisdom (unison) *adapted from the Book of Common Prayer*

**O Wisdom on High,
You guide the humble in judgment,
and light rises up in darkness for those who seek you.
Amidst the uncertainties of life,
grant us the grace to ask what you would have us do,
that we may be saved from all false choices,
and that in your light we may see light,
and in your path may not stumble;
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

Special Music "Percussive Praise" (Kevin McChesney)
Handbell Choir

Reading from the Hebrew Scripture Proverbs 8:1-11

Reading from the Christian Scripture Mark 6:2

On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said,

'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands!

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

†Hymn "I Sing a Song of Bethlehem"
The U.M. Hymnal #179

Sermon "Wisdom"

Offering "An Evening Prayer" (Engelbert Humperdinck)
Handbell Choir

†Offering Response "Lord You Are More Precious Than Silver"
The Faith We Sing #2065

†Prayer of Dedication (spoken by liturgist)

**God, grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change,
the courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know
the difference. May these gifts be used to foster wisdom in the
ones we serve. Amen.**

Introduction of the Organist Team

Charlene Flygt, Barb Kell, Aimee Lutz, Bruce Rasmussen

Joys & 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

“Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley”

The Faith We Sing #2112

†Benediction

†Postlude

† = *Please rise if you are able*

SERVING YOU TODAY...

Pastor Marianne Cotter
LiturgistKeri Olsen
Church Opener Mondy Shogren
Greeter(s) Evie Thompson
Usher(s)Jerry & Sandy Jackson
A/V Powerpoint & Booth Mike Hanson & Mike Pullen
Worship MusicBruce Rasmussen
Handbell Choir Director Deanna Horjus-Lang

Thank you to the Bell Choir for providing special music!