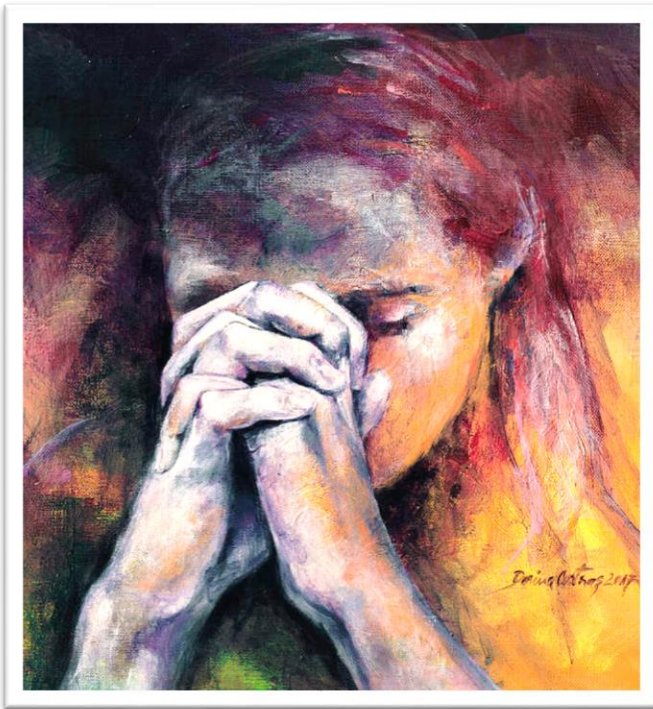


Welcome to Worship!

Third Sunday of Easter

Bible Sunday

April 15, 2018



“When Prayers Go Unanswered”

Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” ~2 Corinthians 12:8-9a

*“...teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.”
George Croly, “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”*



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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

Barb Kell, Worship Musician

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

†Hymn

*"My Life Flows On"
The Faith We Sing #2212
Verses 1, 2, & 3*

Opening Prayer

We're here to listen for your voice today in worship.

Your grace is sufficient for us.

We've prayed this week and we're still waiting for an answer.

Your grace is sufficient for us.

Lord, are you sending us, to be the answer to someone else's prayer?

Your grace is sufficient for us.

When we are weak, we are strong.

Your grace is sufficient for us.

Introduction to Bible Presentation

“Wonderful Words of Life”

The U.M. Hymnal #600

Verse 1 and refrain

**Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life,
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty,
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.**

Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders

✝ William Moll

✝ Destini Price

✝ Yana Pullen

Special Music

Jim Cotter

Reading from the Hebrew Scripture

Psalm 22:1-11

The U.M. Hymnal, p. 752

Reading from the Christian Scripture

2 Corinthians 2:2-10

†Hymn

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

The U.M. Hymnal #500

Verses 1, 2 & 4

Sermon

“When Prayers Go Unanswered”

Offering

†Offering Response

The U.M. Hymnal #94

†Prayer of Dedication

**Creating and eternal God,
whose grace is sufficient for us
and whose power is made perfect in weakness,
in our weakness and insufficiency,
we offer our lives
and the gifts of our living
for the work of your mustard seed kingdom;
in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

Prayer Litany (Chester Nimitz, adapted)

I asked God for strength that I might achieve.
I was made weak that I might learn to obey.

I asked for health that I might do greater things.
I was given infirmity that I might do better things.

I asked for riches that I might be happy.
I was given poverty that I might be wise.

I asked for power that I might have the praise of others.
I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life.
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I hoped for.
**Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered. I am,
 among all people, most richly blessed."**

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

*"We'll Understand It Better By and By"
 The U.M. Hymnal #525
 Verses 1, 2 & 4*

†Benediction

†Postlude

† = *Please rise if you are able*

SERVING YOU TODAY...

PastorMarianne Cotter
 Liturgist Youth
 Church Opener John Goeckermann
 Greeter(s) Youth
 Ushers Youth
 A/V Powerpoint & Booth Mike Hanson & Jim Cotter
 Worship Music Barb Kell

Thank you to Jim Cotter for providing special music!