

# Welcome to Worship!

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018



## "Lovingkindness"

*O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures for ever. Psalm 107:1*



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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*

Ringing of the Bell

Introit

*"Try a Little Kindness" (Curt Sapaugh and Bobby Austin)*

*The Band*

Welcome

†Call to Worship

Come into the sanctuary and look around.

**See the beauty of God's people!**

At times we doubt God's love.

**At times, we doubt that God will really provide when it matters.**

But this is what matters today:

**God says, "Come all who are thirsty, come to the water, and you that have no money, come, buy and eat."**

God's steadfast love is better than life itself.

**Let's worship God together!**

†Hymn

*"There's a Spirit of Love in This Place" (Mark Miller)*

**There's a spirit of love in this place,**

**There's a spirit of love in this place,**

**You can't see it but it's there, just as precious as the air,**

**There's a spirit of love in this place.**

**There's the presence of peace in this room,**

**There's the presence of peace in this room,**

**In God's tenderness is found peace that passes human bounds,**

**There's the presence of peace in this room.**

**O Alleluia, sing alleluia,  
We bless you holy name.**

**O, Alleluia, sing alleluia,  
There's a spirit of love in this place.**

**There's a space for grace in our hearts,  
There's a space for grace in our hearts,  
It's in learning to forgive that our spirits truly live,  
There's a space for grace in our hearts.**

**O, Alleluia, sing alleluia, we bless your holy name.**

**O Alleluia, sing alleluia,  
There's a space for grace,  
There's the presence of peace,  
There's a spirit of love in this place.**

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†Sharing the Peace of Christ

Special Music

*"Morning Has Broken"*

*Sam Schick, piano*

Children's Story

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, we long for a love richer and more lasting than it is within our power to give. Forgive us when we look to other loves for the fulfillment and understanding we need, unfairly demanding of them what only you can supply. By the light of your Word, lead us to your steadfast love, so that your love may be completed in us. And forgive us when we fail to live your abundant love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Special Music

*"Take Me to the King"* (Tamela Mann)

*dance by Paige Goeckermann, Sienna Lutz, & Yana Pullen*

Scripture Reading

Psalm 107:1-9

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

†Hymn

*"Lord I Lift Your Name on High"*

*The Faith We Sing #2088 (twice through)*

Sermon

*by the Youth Group*

Offering

*"Hymn of Promise"* (Natalie Sleeth)

*The Band*

†Offering Response

“Lord, You Are More Precious than Silver”

*The Faith We Sing #2065*

†Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**Loving God, we give as an act of worship. May these gifts make your steadfast love real to hurting people. Let them reach those in need of your loving-kindness. May they provide clothing to the needy, food for the hungry, safety for the fearful, and the Bread of Life for those who long for you. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Celebration of Holy Communion (see insert)

Closing Prayer

Announcements

†Closing Song

“Try a Little Kindness”

**You’ve got to try a little kindness, yes, show a little kindness -  
Just shine your light for everyone to see.  
And if you try a little kindness then you’ll overlook the blindness  
Of narrow-minded people on the narrow-minded streets.**

†Closing Words

You have been fed. The bread gives you life.  
The cup gives you joy. God is in you.  
Live as kind people, now and always. Amen.

†Postlude

† = *Please rise if you are able*

*We are grateful to members of our youth group for leading the service today. John Goeckermann, Paige Goeckermann, Caroline Lewison, Grayson Lutz, Ethan Shrake, Charlie Watson, Henry Watson. Thank you to Mary Krszjanek and Kenda Scott, Youth Leaders and to Sienna Lutz and Yana Pullen for taking part in the dance.*

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### **SERVING YOU TODAY...**

Pastor ..... Marianne Cotter  
Church Opener ..... Alice Schellenberger  
Greeter(s) ..... Rajean Bender  
Ushers ..... Tim O’Keefe & Steve Beckett  
A/V Powerpoint & Booth ..... Mike Hanson & Alice Schellenberger  
Organist..... Barb Kell

*Thank you to The Band for leading worship music and  
to Sam Schick for providing special music!*