

Welcome to Worship!

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2018



“Consider the Birds”

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! Luke 13:34

May the LORD reward you for your deeds, and may you have a full reward from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge! Ruth 2:12



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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

Ringing of the Bell / Welcome

Choral Introit

"How Can We Name a Love?"

(traditional English melody, words by Brian Wren)

The Choir

†Affirmation of Faith

(Summary of the Gospel by William Willimon)

We believe God refuses to be God without us. We asked God to say something definite and God, getting personal, sent Jesus Christ.

We were surprised. God was other than we imagined. We can't make God into whatever we please.

Jesus demonstrated that God is better than omnipotent, omniscient or any other high-sounding abstraction.

God is love embodied: nonviolent, relentlessly seeking, convening, suffering love.

Human happiness is life lived in response to the God we've got.

It's good news:

Because God really was in Jesus Christ, reconciling the world to God, we can be with God.

†Hymn

"Fairer Lord Jesus"

The U.M. Hymnal #189

Children's Message

Choir Anthem "Family of Faith" (Valerie MacKenzie)

Reading from the Psalms Psalm 148
The U.M. Hymnal, p. 861
(with sung response)

Reading from the Hebrew Scripture Job 12:7-10

Reading from the Christian Scripture Luke 13:31-35
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Consider the Birds"

Offering

†Offering Response "All Creatures of our God and King"
The U.M. Hymnal, verse 7

**Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!**

**O praise Ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

†Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**Loving God, we are so grateful to be in your family! Thank you for
the people who guide us on our Christian journey – mothers,
fathers and other angels on earth. Amen.**

†Hymn "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"
The U.M. Hymnal #557

Unison Prayer (for the Festival of the Christian Home)

**In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name. Illumine
the homes of this earth, with the light of your love, granting
courage to those who are hurt or lonely, endurance to those who**

care for sick family members, and wisdom to those in fearful times of change. We thank you for gifts of love we have received from mother, father, spouse, child, or companion. As we have been loved by you and by others, so may we love. Grant us your peace, through Jesus the Christ. 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

*"All Creatures of Our God and King"
The U.M. Hymnal #62
Verses 1, 2, & 4*

†Benediction (spoken by worship leader)

And now, may the grace, peace, and love of the triune God, Brood over you, defend, and empower you to run with perseverance the race marked out for you. Amen.

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

As you prepare to leave, please share with each other a sign of the peace of Christ. "The peace of Christ go with you."

†Postlude

† = Please rise if you are able

SERVING YOU TODAY...

Pastor Marianne Cotter
Church Opener Mondy Shogren
Greeter(s) Jim & Becky Hovde
Ushers Don & Diana Fox
A/V Powerpoint & Booth Mike Hanson & Mike Pullen
Worship Musician Bruce Rasmussen
Choir Director Charlene Flygt

Thank you to the choir for providing special music!