

# *Welcome to Worship!*

Memorial Day Sunday

May 27, 2018



*"In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in his bosom, that transfigures you and me;  
As he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,  
While God is marching on."*

*"Battle Hymn of the Republic" by Julia Ward Howe*

*"I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,  
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,  
which is your spiritual worship." Romans 12:1*



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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 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

*Dave Yerke, Worship Musician*

Ringing of the Bell / Welcome

†Call to Worship

O Lord, you have given us the gift of land.

**May we ever protect and preserve it.**

O Lord, you have given us the gift of water.

**May we keep it pure and safe.**

O Lord, you have given us the gift of air.

**May we keep it pure and fresh.**

O Lord, you have given us the gift of plants and trees.

**May we ever use and protect them justly.**

O Lord, you have given us the gift of birds and animals.

**May we preserve and enjoy them.**

O Lord, you have given us care of the earth.

**O Lord, we accept the care of these gifts as our sacred  
stewardship. Amen.**

†Hymn

*"On Eagle's Wings"*

*The U.M. Hymnal #143 (twice through)*

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

Opening Prayer for Memorial Day

Almighty God, before whom stand the living and the dead, we your children, whose mortal life is but a hand's breadth, give thanks to you:

For all those through whom you have blessed our pilgrimage, whose lives that have empowered us, whose influence is a healing grace ... **We lift up thankful hearts.**

For the dear friends and family members whose faces we see no more, but whose love is with us forever ... **We lift up thankful hearts.**

For the teachers and companions of our childhood and youth, and for the members of our household of faith who worship you now in heaven ... **We lift up thankful hearts.**

For those who sacrificed themselves, our brothers and sisters who have given their lives for the sake of others ... **We lift up thankful hearts.**

That we may hold them in continual remembrance, and ever think of them as with you in that city whose gates are not shut by day and where there is no night ... **We lift up thankful hearts.**

That we may now be dedicated to working for a peaceful and just world ...  
**O Lord, save your people. Day by day we honor you and worship your name, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Special Music *Stephen Getsinger*

Reading from the Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 53:1-6

Reading from the Christian Scripture Romans 12:1-8

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

†Hymn “The Battle Hymn of the Republic”  
*The U.M. Hymnal #717*  
Verses 1, 2, 4 & 5

Sermon George Burgess, Lay Speaker

Offering

†Offering Response “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
*The U.M. Hymnal #95*

†Prayer of Dedication (spoken by Liturgist)

Almighty God, we give you thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your love seen in the redemption of the world by Jesus Christ. Make us so aware of your mercy that we praise you not only with our words but with our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

**We confess to you, all-knowing God, what we are.  
We are not the people we like others to think we are.  
We are afraid to admit, even to ourselves, what lies in the depths  
of our souls. But we cannot hide our true selves from you.  
You know us as we are, and yet you love us.  
Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge.  
Teach us to respect ourselves for your sake.  
Give us the courage to put our trust in your guiding power.  
Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt,  
Into the freedom and energy of forgiven people.  
And for those who through long habit find forgiveness hard to  
accept, we ask you to break their bondage and set them free;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. 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

*“Let There Be Peace on Earth”*

*The U.M. Hymnal #431*

†Closing Words

*Jesus said, “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life  
for one’s friends.”*

**We go into this new week, to live as Jesus’ friends. In turn we offer  
friendship to others in his name.**

*We go filled with his grace and peace. Amen!*

†Postlude

*† = Please rise if you are able*

**SERVING YOU TODAY...**

- Guest Preacher ..... George Burgess
- Liturgist ..... Joyce Burgess
- Church Opener ..... Alice Schellenberger
- Greeter(s) ..... Gladys Orton
- Ushers ..... Chris Kuter & Tim O’Keefe
- A/V Powerpoint & Booth ..... Mike Hanson & Jerry Jackson
- Worship Musician ..... Dave Yerke

*Thank you to Stephen Getsinger for providing special music!*