

# *Welcome to Worship!*

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 24, 2018



*“We Are Standing on Holy Ground”*

*Then the Lord said to him, “Take off the sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground. I have surely seen the mistreatment of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their groaning, and I have come down to rescue them. Come now, I will send you to Egypt.” (Acts 7:33-34)*



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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

*Aimee Lutz, Worship Musician*

Ringing of the Bell / Welcome

†Introit

*"We Are Standing on Holy Ground"*

*The Faith We Sing #2272*

†Call to Worship (Psalm 105)

Give thanks for all the wonderful works of God.

**Praise the Lord!**

Sing a new song of praise to the God of all peoples.

**Praise the Lord!**

Proclaim God's name to all the world.

**Praise the Lord!**

We are God's chosen people; God is with us always.

**Praise the Lord!**

Let our hearts rejoice, for the Lord is God.

**Praise the Lord!**

†Hymn

*"Let All Things Now Living"*

*The Faith We Sing #2008*

†Prayer of Confession

**God of Mystery, we are constantly amazed by the depth and breadth of your love. Over and over again, you turn our expectations inside out and upside down.**

**And still we don't understand the radical nature of your grace.**

**We play by our own rules of justice, even when it means excluding**

**those we are called to love and defend.  
In our darkest moments, we doubt if we are worthy of your trust.  
God, help us remember that you give us all the tools we need; that  
through the solid foundation of your love, we find the strength  
to follow your call as true disciples of Jesus Christ.  
Surprise us again, O God. Surprise us again.**

†Words of Assurance

The God who brought our ancestors out of slavery will not desert us. God has promised to be with us throughout all generations. Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice, for God is with us!

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

Rejoice, for you are standing on holy ground.

**Praise the Lord!**

*(Please share with one another a sign of the peace of Christ.)*

Children's Message

Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 24

*The U.M. Hymnal, p. 755 (no sung response)*

†Reading from the Hebrew Scripture

Exodus 3:1-12

Response to the Word

Moses was a murderer,  
**yet you turned him into a hero who led his people to freedom.**

Moses couldn't speak well,  
**yet you put words in his mouth to argue his people's cause before Pharaoh.**

We are taught to attack our enemies,  
**yet you teach us to bless those who persecute us.**

We are overcome by evil,  
**yet you tell us to overcome evil with good.**

Jesus is the savior of the world,  
**yet the crucifixion tells the story of a man who could not even save himself.**

We desperately want to save our own lives.  
**God of Paradox, help us understand how to lose our lives in order to save them. Amen.**

Sermon "We Are Standing on Holy Ground"

Offering

†Offering Response "We Are Standing on Holy Ground"  
*The Faith We Sing #2272*

†Dedicating Our Lives and Our Gifts to God

Come take off your shoes

**For where we stand is holy ground**

Come love your neighbor and do good to all around you

**For where we stand is holy ground**

Come and respect the planet

**For where we stand is holy ground**

We choose to love all that God gave us,

**for we are all standing on holy ground. Amen.**

Prayer Hymn "Somebody Prayed for Me" (please be seated)

**Somebody prayed for me, had me on their mind,**

**Took the time to pray for me.**

**I'm so very glad, I'm so glad they prayed,**

**I'm so glad they prayed for me.**

Joys & Concerns with Congregational Response

*After each joy or concern, the Pastor says, "And God's people..."  
and the congregation responds, "We are praying with you, friend!"*

Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer *The U.M. Hymnal #895*

Announcements

†Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth"  
*The U.M. Hymnal #92*

†Benediction

†Postlude † = *Please rise if you are able*

**SERVING YOU TODAY...**

- Pastor ..... Marianne Cotter
- Liturgist ..... Wendy Schneider
- Church Opener ..... Jim Cotter
- Greeter(s) ..... Gladys Orton
- Ushers ..... Kandie Beckwith & Rajean Bender
- A/V Powerpoint & Booth ..... Mike Hanson & Michael Lutz
- Worship Musician ..... Aimee Lutz