

Welcome to Worship!

Independence Day Worship
July 8, 2018



“Our Patriotic Duty”

“But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.” Jeremiah 29:7

*“Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”
from “The New Colossus” by Emma Lazarus*



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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, Worship Musician

Ringing of the Bell / Welcome

†Call to Worship

Independence Day was this week.

We celebrated a time when our country declared its independence from foreign domination.

But many things dominate our hearts: fear, apathy, intolerance, anger.

God hear our celebrations and also our cries for help.

Remember how God has blessed you, and be a blessing to others.

Lord, keep our hearts and minds open to your word and your way.

Amen.

†Hymn

"My Country 'Tis of Thee"

The U.M. Hymnal #697

†Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of celebrations and sorrows, we waved the flag this week and our hearts were beating with pride at the stirring sounds of the bands. Fireworks emblazoned the skies, and families gathered for celebrations. But in too many places there is little to celebrate.

Our spirits ache for people both far and near who suffer and struggle just to have the basic necessities of life, while we live in abundance. Forgive us when our celebrations cloud the needs of others. It is important for us to celebrate, but we must never

forget that you have given us a ministry and mission to perform here and now. Help us be mindful of the many ways in which we can reach out to others. By our attitudes and our actions, may we be those who would bring hope, comfort, healing, and peace. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

†Words of Assurance

The Lord who made the heavens and the earth hears our cries and answers our calls. Hope in the Lord whose steadfast love endures with us forever. **Amen.**

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Special Music

*"Make a Joyful Noise" (Sally Albrecht)
Keri Olson & Charlene Flygt*

Reading from the Hebrew Scripture

Jeremiah 29:1,4-7

Reading from the Christian Scripture

Matthew 7:21-29

Sung Response to the Word

*"Wonderful Words of Life"
The U.M. Hymnal #600
Verse 1 & 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.

Sermon

"Our Patriotic Duty"

Affirmation of Faith

*"A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church"
The U.M. Hymnal #884*

Offering

†Offering Response

*"Lord, You Are More Precious than Silver"
The Faith We Sing #2065*

†Prayer of Dedication

God of all Peoples, we offer you these gifts as a sign of the coming of your reign on earth as it is in heaven. And now, as your disciples,

we pray 'thy kingdom come, thy will be done':

The Lord's Prayer

The U.M. Hymnal #895

Psalm of Praise (Leslie Brandt from *Experiencing More with Less*)

How grateful we are, O God, for our great country,
for the blessings you lavish upon our land.

**How concerned we are, O God, that our very nation may become
our god and that we worship the gifts rather than the Giver?**

Is it possible, O God, that our laws may circumvent your will
that our freedom may place chains on others
that our wealth may impoverish some
that our power may come by way of another's weakness?

That our enemies may be those who are obedient to you?

**Dare we pray, O God, that you take away those things that come
between us and you?**

Prayer Hymn (remain seated)

*"This Is My Song"
The U.M. Hymnal #437*

Joys & 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!"*

Prayer for Independence Day

Announcements

†Hymn

*"America the Beautiful"
The U.M. Hymnal #696*

†Benediction

†Postlude

† = Please rise if you are able

SERVING YOU TODAY...

Pastor	Marianne Cotter
Liturgist	Jim Bohl
Church Opener	Mondy Shogren
Greeter(s)	Evie Thompson
Ushers	Tim O'Keefe & Steve Beckett
A/V Powerpoint & Booth	Mike Hanson & Jim Cotter
Worship Musician	Bruce Rasmussen

Thank you to Keri Olson & Charlene Flygt for providing special music!