

Welcome to Worship!

July 15, 2018



“Stay in Love with God”

I write this, dear children, to guide you out of sin. But if anyone does sin, we have a Priest-Friend in the presence of the Father: Jesus Christ, righteous Jesus. When he served as a sacrifice for our sins, he solved the sin problem for good—not only ours, but the whole world’s.

1 John 2:1-2 (The Message Translation)



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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

Aimee Lutz, Worship Musician

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Children's Message

"Make a Joyful Noise"

†Call to Worship – Psalm 100

The U.M. Hymnal, p. 821

†Hymn

*"We Are Marching"
The Faith We Sing #2235b
(in English and Zulu)*

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, You have set before us the path,
but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way.

**Sometimes we are like toddlers
and we hear Your call and come back.**

Other times, we are children testing boundaries,
ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back.

**And still other times we are full of youthful rebellion,
demanding to be cut loose and set free,
not knowing how much we still need
to seek Your wisdom and guidance.**

But most of all, too often we think we are adults
and have figured it all out and know our own way,
only to stumble and stray so far.

**Remind us, God our Parent, that we are always Your children,
that we are continue to ‘grow up’ our whole lives long,
that we always have much to learn.**

Help us to seek You every day,
to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance,
and help us to return to the path and walk with You.
**In the name of Christ, who is our companion
on this journey of faith, we pray. Amen.**

Special Music

Dave Considine

Preparing to Hear the Word

Readings from the Christian Scripture

1 John 1:5 – 2:2
John 1:29

Sung Response to the Word

“Live in Charity”
The Faith We Sing #2179

**Live in charity and steadfast love,
live in charity; God will dwell with you.**

Sermon

“Staying in Love with God – Our Whole Lives Long”

Offering

†Offering Response

“Lord God, Almighty”
The Faith We Sing #2006
Verse 1

†Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**God, we offer these gifts so that they may be used to bring your
light to the world. Help us to walk in this light, in your light, this
week. May our actions be in step with our beliefs. May we walk
the talk and not hide anything away - especially not the light you
now place within our hearts. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

†Prayer Hymn

“Cry of My Heart”
The Faith We Sing #2165

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!"

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The U.M. Hymnal #895

Announcements

†Hymn

*"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
The U.M. Hymnal #188*

†Closing Words

"Our Three Simple Rules"

Abstain from every form of evil. (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

By God's grace, we will do no harm.

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. (Psalm 34:14)

By God's grace, we will do all the good we can.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; (Luke 10:27)

By God's grace, we will stay in love with God our whole lives long.

Today we choose to follow Jesus.

So that we may walk in the light of God.

†Postlude

† = *Please rise if you are able*

SERVING YOU TODAY...

PastorMarianne Cotter
Liturgist Luanne Luebke-Dregne
Church Opener John Goeckermann
Greeter(s).....Jean Krueger
Ushers Don & Diana Fox
A/V Powerpoint & Booth Mike Hanson & Michael Lutz
Worship MusicianAimee Lutz

Thank you to Dave Considine for providing special music!