

# *Welcome to Worship!*

July 22, 2018



## *“Testing the Spirits”*

*By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God. (1 John 4:2)*

*No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. (1 John 4:12)*



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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.*

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Prelude

*Barb Kell, Worship Musician*

Ringing of the Bell / Welcome

†Call to Worship

Come, my Light, and illumine my darkness.

**Come, my Life, and revive me from death,**

Come, my Physician, and heal my wounds.

**Come, Flame of Divine love, and burn up the thorns of my sins,  
kindling my heart with the flame of your love.**

†Hymn

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

*The U.M. Hymnal #384*

*Verses 1 & 2*

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Merciful God, you know when we are afraid to love;  
you know when we are afraid to show mercy.**

**Remind us again that perfect love casts out such fears.**

**Surround us and strengthen us with your perfect love,  
even in the face of our imperfections.**

**Give us with a love so strong,  
with such growth toward completion,  
that we may cast aside our pride  
and fully embrace the power of love.**

## Words of Assurance

Christ is the vine. We are simply branches. If we abide in Christ, Christ's words will abide in us. Ask for whatever you wish in Christ's name and it will be granted. In the name of Christ, you who seek forgiveness are forgiven! **In the name of Christ, you who seek forgiveness are forgiven! Amen!**

Special Music

*"Lamb of God" by The Band*

Readings from the Christian Scriptures

1 John 4:1-6 & John 14:15-17

Sung Response to the Word

*"Live in Charity"*

*The Faith We Sing #2179 - Verse 1*

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

†Hymn

*"Spirit of God"*

*The Faith We Sing #2117 - Verses 1, 3 and 5*

Sermon

*"Testing the Spirits"*

Invitation to the Offering (spoken by Liturgist)

Offering

†Offering Response

*"Lord God Almighty"*

*The Faith We Sing #2006 - Verse 1*

**Lord God, Almighty, Savior, Redeemer,  
only true God to be worshiped and praised;  
How can we tell you, how much we love you?  
Take now our lives, Lord, and teach us to love.**

†Prayer of Dedication (spoken by Liturgist)

It is out of gratitude that we give these gifts of food and money. They come with the prayer that all may know abundance of goods and of peace in all places in our world. So may it be. **Amen.**

Prayer for Wisdom (unison)

**O Wisdom on High, by you the humble are guided in judgment, and light appears to show us the way ahead. Give us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us do, that we may be saved from false choices, so that in your light we may see light, and in following your path we may not become lost; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Prayer Hymn (remain seated) "Shine on Us" (Michael W. Smith)

**Lord, Let your light, Light of your face, Shine on Us.**

**Lord, Let your light, Light of your face, Shine on Us.**

**That we, may be saved. That we, may have life.**

**To find our way, In the darkest night.**

**Let your light, Shine on us.**

**Lord, Let your grace, Grace from your hand, Fall on us.**

**Lord, Let your grace, Grace from your hand, Fall on us.**

**That we, may be saved, That we, may have life.**

**To find our way, In the darkest night.**

**Let your grace, Fall on us.**

**Lord, Let your love, Love with no end, Come over us.**

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**That we, may be saved, That we, may have life.**

**To find our way, In the darkest night.**

**Let your love, Come over us. Let your light, Shine on us.**

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

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

*The U.M. Hymnal #384 - Verses 3 & 4*

†Benediction

†Postlude

*† = Please rise if you are able*

**SERVING YOU TODAY...**

Pastor .....Marianne Cotter

Liturgist .....Rajeane Bender

Church Opener .....Jim Cotter

Greeter(s) ..... Gladys Orton

Ushers .....Gary & Jacki Crawford

A/V Powerpoint & Booth .....Mike Hanson & Alice Schellenberger

Worship Musician ..... Barb Kell

*Thank you to The Band for providing special music!*