

Welcome to Worship!

July 29, 2018



“Stay in Love with God”

In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4:10

“He didn’t die for anything he could get out of it. Jesus did not get an honorary doctorate for dying. He didn’t....he wasn’t getting anything out of it. He gave up his life, he sacrificed his life, for the good of the other, for the wellbeing of the world....for us. That’s what love is. Love is not selfish and self-centered. Love can be sacrificial, and in so doing, becomes redemptive. And that way of unselfish, sacrificial, redemptive love changes lives, and it can change the world.”

Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church at the royal wedding of Prince Harry to Meghan Markle on May 19, 2018



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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

Introit

*"Bless this House"
The Cheddar Chicks*

Welcome

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

†Opening Prayer

How deeply you have loved us, Jesus;
how willingly you stepped into our experience,
how completely you empathized with all that we endure.
Teach us to love as you have loved us.

How sacrificially you have loved us, Jesus;
how completely you gave yourself for us,
how courageously you suffered for our sakes.
Teach us to love as you have loved us.

How unselfishly you have loved us, Jesus;
how generously you share your life,
how extravagantly you make yourself available to us.
Teach us to love as you have loved us.

**We praise you for your love
which is given so freely and so unconditionally.
And we thank you for believing
that we could learn to offer such love
to each other.
Amen.**

†Hymn

*“O How He Loves You and Me”
The Faith We Sing #2108*

Children’s Message

Special Music

*“Down to the River to Pray”
The Cheddar Chicks*

Reading from the Gospels

John 15:8-11

Reading from the Epistles

1 John 4:7-21

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.**

Sermon

“Staying in Love with God Our Whole Lives Long”

Invitation to the Offering (spoken by Liturgist)

Stewardship Moment

*Tim O’Keefe
Finance Chair*

Offering

*“Lonesome Valley”
The Cheddar Chicks*

†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

†Hymn

“Nearer My God to Thee”
The U.M. Hymnal #528

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

“Blessed Assurance”
The U.M. Hymnal #369

†Benediction

Music for Going Forth

“Swingin’ with the Saints”
The Cheddar Chicks
with Susan Lappin

†Postlude

† = *Please rise if you are able*

SERVING YOU TODAY...

Pastor	Marianne Cotter
Liturgist	Laurie Willhouse
Church Opener	Jim Cotter
Greeter(s)	Molly Stewart
Ushers	Tim O’Keefe & Jerry Jackson
A/V Booth	Mike Pullen
Worship Musician	Bruce Rasmussen

*Today we are so grateful for the music provided by the Cheddar Chicks:
Gretchen Dresen, Janice Eckhart, Kathy Houzner, Mona Larsen, Carol
Stich and Joan Fordham.*

“Where true love is found, God is there.”