

Welcome to Worship!

August 5, 2018



“Painful Progress”

“Life is really consciousness of God. Have no fear. A very beautiful future lies before you. Let it be a new life, a new existence, in which in every single happening event or plan you are conscious of the Lord.”

A.J. Russell

So Jesus said, “And this is Life Eternal, that they may know You, the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.”

John 17:3



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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 have a joy or concern today, fill out one of the cards provided and place it in the offering plate when it is passed.** 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

†Call to Worship

Throughout our years, the Lord has helped us to learn and grow in our faith.

Often it has been challenging for us.

Often it involved real trial and pain.

O Lord, bless this day with a peace that passes all understanding.

Bless us that we might be more fully confident in your guidance.

Bless us that we may give true praise to you for your good will toward us, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

†Hymn

"To God Be the Glory"

The U.M. Hymnal #98

Uniting Prayer (unison)

Adapted from the Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. Lord, grant that I may not so much seek my own way but may find strength in you to console, understand and love those around me in your name. This I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Beloved, through the love shown to us by Jesus, we can be sure that we are God's children now. The Spirit of Christ is among us in this gathering and the nature of Christ is revealed within us. We are becoming more and more like Christ each day. Therefore, let us live joyfully as God's people; saints and instruments of God's way. Be assured that God's love is poured out for you and rejoice! Amen.

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

Please turn to the person in front of you or behind you and offer them these words: "The peace of Christ be with you."

Children's Message

Special Music

*"Be Thou My Vision"
Keri Olson, vocalist*

Reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 2:2-4

Reading from the Christian Scripture

2 Timothy 4:1-5

Sung Response to the Word

*"Thy Word Is a Lamp"
The U.M. Hymnal #601*

Sermon

*"Painful Progress" (Mark 6:45-51)
Rev. Dennis Weis*

Prayer of Consecration

Offering

†Offering Response

*"God of Love and God of Power"
The U.M. Hymnal #578
Verse 4*

God of love and God of Power, make us worthy of this hour;

Offering lives if it's thy will, keeping free our spirits still.

God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

†Communion Hymn

*"I Surrender All"
The U.M. Hymnal #354
Verses 1, 2 & 3*

Invitation to Communion

Cleansing Prayer (unison)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord who taught us to pray saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

All are welcome to receive Communion; you do not need to be a member of this church or a member of the United Methodist Church. This is the Lord’s Table; he is the host and we are all his guests. At the direction of the ushers you will be invited to come forward, and you will be given a piece of bread which you can dip in the cup as it is offered to you. Those in the balcony will be served first. Please come down the center aisle and return to your seats using the side aisles. Gluten free communion wafers are available upon request.

Closing Prayer

Announcements

†Hymn “God of Grace and God of Glory”
The U.M. Hymnal #577

†Benediction *After the spoken word, people sing...*
“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”
The Faith We Sing #2129, Verse 1

†Postlude

† = Please rise if you are able

SERVING YOU TODAY...

Guest PreacherRev. Dennis Weis
LiturgistDiana Fox
Church OpenerAlice Schellenberger
Greeter(s)Rajeane Bender
UshersJerry & Sandy Jackson
A/V Powerpoint & Booth Mike Hanson & Michael Lutz
Worship MusicianAimee Lutz

Thank you to Keri Olson for providing special music!