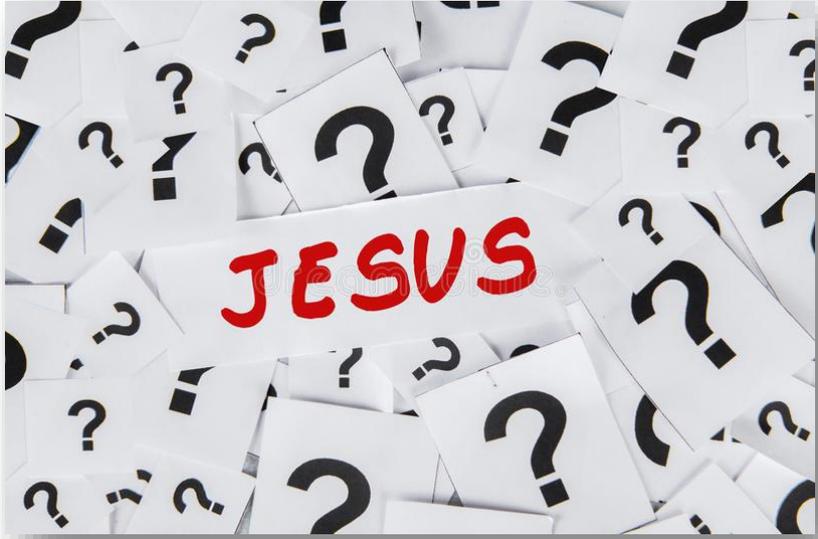


# *Welcome to Worship!*

August 19, 2018



## *“Questions Jesus Asked”*

*Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.*

*~Luke 6:37*

*When we judge, we are always in a psychic space which is circular.*

*~Rene Girard*



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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

God of the prophets, call to us today

**Call us into Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.**

God of the poets, remind us again how much You love us

**Sing to us Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.**

God of the disciples, teach us how to follow You

**Teach us Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.**

God of all creation, help us to know Your ways

**All: We gather to hear Your call,  
to sing Your praise, to teach each other,  
to pray and worship as the Body of Christ.**

†Hymn

*"We are the Body of Christ"*

*The Faith We Sing #2227*

†Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Caring God, you call us to be the body of Christ:**

**to live in community, to care for one another, to use our  
different gifts.**

**Instead of working to sustain community, we follow our own  
desires. Instead of trusting in your care, we think we can do it  
alone. Forgive our neglect of others.**

**Give us obedient spirits, that we may care for one another,  
depend on your love, and use our gifts for your gospel. Amen.**



†Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**Generous God, you have given us many gifts and drawn us together into Christ’s body, the church. You have blessed us with generous and cheerful spirits. May the gifts of our money, time, and talents support the ministry of your church. Amen.**

Prayer of Affirmation: Alpha and Omega (John Birch)

**This world would deny you, Lord, and rely on human wisdom in their search for answers to questions they have yet to ask, but we will praise you, and exalt your name, for we know that you are Alpha, the beginning of all things, and Omega, the end, and all that is between. We have known your healing. We have known your provision. We have known your victory. Our sorrow has turned into dancing and our tears to songs of joy. We shall praise you ever more. Amen.**

Prayer Hymn (remain seated) “More Love to Thee”  
The U.M. Hymnal #453

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 “Grace Alone”  
The Faith We Sing #2162

†Benediction

†Postlude † = Please rise if you are able

**SERVING YOU TODAY...**

- Pastor ..... Marianne Cotter
- Liturgist ..... Judy Kuse
- Church Opener ..... John Goeckermann
- Greeter(s) ..... Tilda Lund
- Ushers ..... Steve Lien & Ann Renn
- A/V Powerpoint & Booth ..... Mike Hanson & Jerry Jackson
- Worship Musician ..... Barb Kell

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