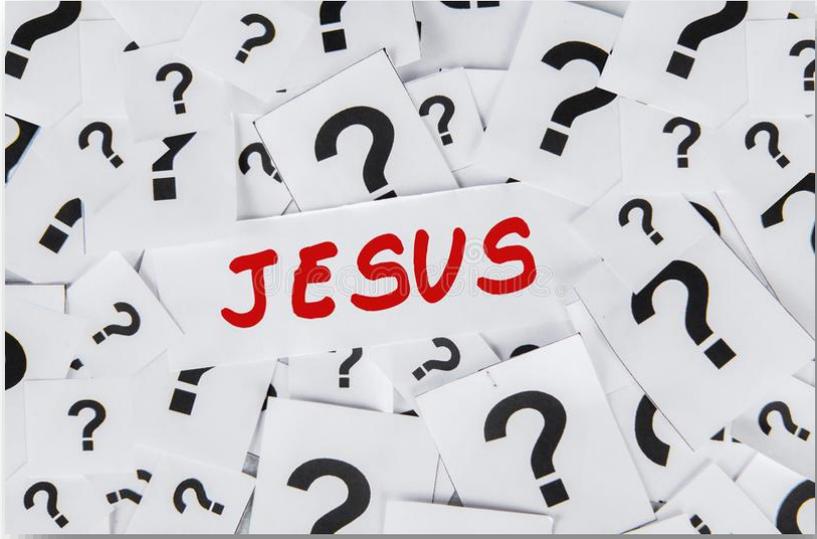


Welcome to Worship!

August 26, 2018



“Questions Jesus Asked”

“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?”

“Only those who can celebrate God’s grace to others can experience that mercy themselves.”



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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

Welcome

†Call to Worship

As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

So God seeks and saves the lost.

Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

So God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.

As a father receives a returning wayward son,

So God welcomes us and lets the past be the past.

Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

†Hymn

"I Love to Tell the Story"

The U.M. Hymnal #156

Verses 1 & 3

Message for the Child in Each of Us

Prayer of Confession

O God, we confess our failure to enjoy the world you have created. In the pursuit of our own plans and schemes, we have refused the invitation to celebrate your creation. Forgive us, we pray. May we take the time to delight in all things you place before us and rejoice when one who was lost is found. Give us grace to delight in your mercy and live each day in deep communion with you, so that indeed our joy may be complete as your promised. Amen.

Special Music

*“Untitled Hymn” (Chris Tomlin)
John Ellington, vocalist*

Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 126
*The U.M. Hymnal, p. 847
(with sung response #1)*

Reading from the Christian Scripture

Luke 15:1-10

Sung Response to the Word

*“Gloria”
The U.M. Hymnal #72*

†Hymn

*“Gather Us In”
The Faith We Sing #2236
Verses 1, 2 & 4*

Sermon

“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?”

Offering

†Offering Response

“Yes, Lord, Yes”

**I said, “yes, Lord, yes!” to your will and to your way,
I say “Yes, Lord, yes!” I will trust you obey.
When your Spirit speaks to me, with my whole heart I’ll agree
And my answer will be yes, Lord, yes!**

†Prayer of Dedication (unison)

We offer you these gifts gladly, with thanksgiving for all that you have given to us. Bless these gifts and bless the givers, so that our joy may be complete as you have promised. Amen.

Mission Moment *Ruth & Steve Getsinger, Reconciling Ministries Team
Pat Bullard, Ad Council Chair*

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 *“The Trees of the Field”
The Faith We Sing #2279*

†Benediction

In the desert, two very different birds thrive. The vultures see nothing but dead carcasses. The hummingbirds seek the lovely blossoms of cacti. The vultures live on the dead past. The hummingbirds live on the fragrant present. Each bird finds what it is looking for. So do people.

We go now to find the joy in life. We will look for it, because it is all around us. We go in Christ’s peace. Amen.

†Postlude

† = *Please rise if you are able*

SERVING YOU TODAY...

- PastorMarianne Cotter
- LiturgistJoan Fordham
- Church OpenerJim Cotter
- Greeter(s)..... Gladys Orton
- Ushers Kandie Beckwith & Tim O’Keefe
- A/V Powerpoint & Booth Mike Hanson & Jim Cotter
- Worship Musician Bruce Rasmussen

Thank you to John Ellington for providing special music!