

Welcome to Worship!

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 9, 2018



He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among the wild animals, and the angels took care of him.

Mark 1:13

*"I look up and I see God, I look down and see my dog.
And in my human frailty...I can't match their love for me."*

Wendy Francisco



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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

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

†Call to Worship

The animals of God's creation live in the sky, the earth and the sea.

Animals share in our everyday lives.

A giant fish saved Jonah;

Ravens brought bread to Elijah.

We ask God's blessing on all animals.

Let us praise our Creator God along with all the creatures of the earth!

†Hymn

"All Creatures of our God and King"

The U.M. Hymnal #62

Verses 1, 2, 3 & 4

Children's Message

Special Music "All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir" (Bill Staines)

Jim Cotter, guitar and vocals

Refrain:

All God's critters got a place in the choir

Some sing low, some singer higher

Some sing out loud on the telephone wire and

Some just clap their hands or paws or anything they got now

Reading from the Hebrew Scripture

Psalm 148
The U.M. Hymnal, p. 861
(with sung response)

Reading from the Christian Scripture

Mark 1:9-15

Sung Response to the Word “We Will Take What You Offer” (John Bell)
See insert

†Hymn

“The Friendly Beasts”
The U.M. Hymnal #227

Sermon

“God So Loved the (Digital) World”

YouTube Video

“GoD and DoG” by Wendy J. Francisco

Stewardship Moment / Invitation to the Offering

Mike Pullen
Lay Leader

Offering

†Offering Response

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”
The U.M. Hymnal #94

†Responsive Prayer of Dedication (spoken by liturgist)

God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks for all the animals and other creatures that have enriched our lives. With all animals around the throne, we bless the Lamb of God. Amen.

Unison Prayer

Lord God, you have made all living things, and you are even more wonderful than the things you have made. We thank you for giving us our pets who are our friends and who give us so much joy in life. We cherish the pets we have now, and we remember the pets we have loved and lost. May we always be reminded of the joy they have given to us. May we likewise, realize that as our pets trust us to take care of them, so we should trust you to take care of us, and in our taking care of them we share in your love for all your creatures. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

“Somebody Prayed for Me”
See insert

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

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”
The U.M. Hymnal #147

†Benediction

May the Spirit of God, who is above all and in all and through all,
fill you with the knowledge of God’s presence in Earth
and the presence of Christ within you. Go in peace! Serving Christ
and loving all creatures!

We go in peace, serving Christ and loving our animal kin!

†Postlude

† = *Please rise if you are able*

SERVING YOU TODAY...

Pastor	Marianne Cotter
Liturgist	Judith Kuse
Church Opener	Mondy Shogren
Greeter(s)	Jim & Becky Hovde
Ushers	Don & Diana Fox
A/V Powerpoint & Booth	Mike Hanson & Mike Pullen
Worship Musician	Bruce Rasmussen

Thank you to Jim Cotter for providing special music!