

Welcome to Worship!

September 16, 2018



God So Loved the (Digital) World: “Selfies”

God created humanity in God’s own image, in the divine image God created them, male and female God created them. Genesis 1:27

*How can you draw close to God if you are far from yourself?
Augustine of Hippo*



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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

Aimee Lutz, Worship Musician

Ringing of the Bell / Welcome

†Call to Worship (Thomas Merton)

There is in us an instinct for newness, for renewal, for a liberation of creative power.

We seek to awaken in ourselves a force which really changes our lives from within.

And yet the same instinct tells us that this change is a recovery of that which is deepest, most original, most personal in ourselves.

To be born again is not to become somebody else, but to become ourselves.

†Hymn

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

The U.M. Hymnal #560

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Special Music

"God Will Take Care of You"
(arr. by Lyndell Leatherman)

Grayson Lutz, tuba

Aimee Lutz, piano

Selfie Prayer (unison)

God, thank you for the wonders of technology. Thank you for Face Book, Snap Chat, Instagram and all the social media that connect us with people around the world. We are amazed that digital images of loved ones can bring them so close! Thank you for the joy that “Selfies” bring. Holy One, reveal to us our true selves in the pictures we take. Help us to truly know ourselves. As we do, we trust we will come to know you and serve you fully, whose service is perfect freedom. Amen.

Reading from the Hebrew Scripture Genesis 1:26-31

Reading from the Christian Scripture Acts 5:12-16

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

Sermon “Selfies”

Stewardship Moment / Invitation to the Offering Virgil Kasper
Funds Oversight Board

Offering

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

†Prayer of Dedication (unison)

We offer these gifts as our way of sharing with others the gifts we have received from you. Thank you for all we have received, and all we now joyfully give away. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

†Hymn “I Sing the Almighty Power of God”
The U.M. Hymnal #152

Affirmation of Faith

We believe that all persons are of sacred worth, made in God’s image.

We believe that Jesus revealed the fullness of what we are created to be.

We help the world discover the fullness of Jesus.

By grace, we can take on the mind of Christ.

If any one of us were not part of the Body of Christ, the whole Christian community would be missing a particular way of experiencing Jesus.

We are, right now, becoming the people God created us to be.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayer 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

“Go Forth for God”

The U.M. Hymnal #670

Verses 1, 2 & 4

†Benediction

†Postlude

† = *Please rise if you are able*

SERVING YOU TODAY...

Pastor	Marianne Cotter
Liturgist	Youth
Church Opener	John Goeckermann
Greeter(s)	Youth
Ushers	The Ortons
A/V Powerpoint & Booth	Mike Hanson & Michael Lutz
Worship Musician	Aimee Lutz

Thank you to Grayson & Aimee Lutz for providing special music!