

Welcome to Worship!

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 23, 2018



“Call to Ministry”

Laity Sunday is an annual celebration in the United Methodist Church, highlighting the ministry of all Christians. Today we celebrate the servanthood of all believers which was embodied in Jesus washing the disciples' feet. Our message comes from a person who was an active layperson in this congregation, who then heard a call to pastoral ministry. We welcome Gene Stouffer back to our church this morning. His message challenges us to open our minds and hearts to God's call to share the good news of Jesus Christ in our daily lives

“The place where God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's hungers meet.” Frederick Buechner



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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

Barb Kell, Worship Musician

Ringing of the Bell / Welcome

†Call to Worship

We are all called into ministry with our Lord.

Our baptism calls us to be Body of Christ.

We are all called to proclaim the good news.

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, invites all to come and share in the forgiveness!

We serve one another, just as Christ served us.

Jesus washed the feet of his disciples,

Help us to serve one another in His Spirit today.

†Hymn

"You Are Mine"

The Faith We Sing #2218

Verse 1, 2 & Refrain

Verse 4 & Refrain

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Special Music

"Dream God's Dream"
(Bryan Sirchio)

Prayer of Confession for Laity Sunday

(from 21st Century Africana Liturgy Resource)

God, I stand before you equipped for every good work and not working. I haven't told your truth or shared your word, and I have allowed your people to wander away.

Forgive, me Lord for my idleness. Now, right, now, I turn back to you and will speak your word of love, hope, and faith as I work in ministry fully to glorify your name. Amen.

Hymn

“More Like You”
The Faith We Sing #2167

Reading from the Hebrew Scripture

Psalms 145:8-21
The U.M. Hymnal, p. 857
(no sung response)

Reading from the Christian Scripture

Acts 9:3-16

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

Sermon

by Gene Stouffer
Pastor, Mohave Valley UMC in Ft. Mohave, Arizona

Stewardship Moment

Judy Ellington
Program Development Fund

Invitation to the Offering (spoken by liturgist)

We don't always know how much money we have, or how much we will need; in precarious economic times we are tempted to hoard our money for ourselves. In this offering we have the opportunity to show our faith, that our God will supply all our needs. Our morning offering will now be received.

Offering

†Offering Response

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

†Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**We walk by faith,
we live by faith,
we give by faith.
God of great gifts,
you have given us so much,
accept these gifts from our hands,
our faithful response to your abundant grace. 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

“Here I Am, Lord”
The U.M. Hymnal #593

†Benediction

†Postlude

† = *Please rise if you are able*

SERVING YOU TODAY...

- Guest Preacher..... Gene Stouffer
- LiturgistJudy Ellington
- Church Opener Jim Cotter
- Greeter(s) Gladys Orton
- Ushers The Mansons
- A/V Powerpoint & Booth Mike Hanson & Alice Schellenberger
- Worship MusicianBarb Kell

Thank you to The Band for providing special music!