

Welcome to Worship!

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 18, 2018



“Jews & Christians: What We Share”

The rights and privileges a society bestows upon or withholds from those who comprise it indicate the relative esteem in which that society holds particular persons and groups of persons. We affirm all persons as equally valuable in the sight of God. We therefore work toward societies in which each person’s value is recognized, maintained, and strengthened. We support the basic rights of all persons to equal access to housing, education, communication, employment, medical care, legal redress for grievances, and physical protection. We deplore acts of hate or violence against groups or persons based on race, color, national origin, ethnicity, age, gender, disability, status, economic condition, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religious affiliation.

~ “The Social Community” *The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church*



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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.

"Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act." — Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Prelude

Aimee Lutz, Worship Musician

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

†Call to Worship

Source of all being, we turn to You as did our people in ancient days. They beheld You in the heavens; they felt You in their hearts; they sought You in their lives.

Now their quest is ours. Help us, O God, to see the wonder of being.

Give us the courage to search for truth. Teach us the path to a better life.

So shall we, by our lives and our labors, bring nearer to realization the great hope inherited from ages past, for a world transformed by liberty, justice and peace.

†Hymn

*"Praise to the Lord, Almighty"
The U.M. Hymnal #139*

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

Rainbow Bells

*"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"
(Traditional American Spiritual)*

Children's Message

Tone Chimes Selection

"Somewhere Over the Rainbow"

(Israel "IZ" Kamakawiwo'ole)

The Tone Chimes Choir

*This song was selected to reflect Hannah's prayer from 1 Samuel 2 as a song about **hope** and a place where "dreams really do come true." During our rehearsal time, the Tone Chimes kids shared prayers and wishes they have for their lives, their families, and the world. (Please see the large screen)*

Opening Prayer (unison)

Lord our God, You are our unfailing help. Darkness does not conceal You from the eye of faith, nor do the forces of destruction obscure Your presence. Above the fury of human evil and the blows of chance You abide, the Eternal God. When pain and sorrow try our souls, grant us courage to meet them undismayed and with faith that does not waver. Let not the tears the must come to every eye blind us to Your goodness. Amen.

Scripture Readings

1 Samuel 1:1-10 & 1 Samuel 2:1-10

The Word of God for all God's people.

Thanks be to God.

†Hymn

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

The U.M. Hymnal #140

Sermon

"Jews & Christians: What We Share"

Offering

†Offering Response / Prayer of Dedication (sung)

"Bless Thou the Gifts"

The U.M. Hymnal #587

Prayer of Confession

Psalm 51

The U.M. Hymnal, p. 785

Prayer Hymn

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

The Faith We Sing #2193

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

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

The U.M. Hymnal #400

†Closing Words

When evil darkens our world, give us light.

When despair numbs our souls, give us hope.

When we stumble and fall, lift us up.

When doubts assail us, give us faith.

When nothing seems sure, give us trust.

When ideals fade, give us vision.

When we lose our way, be our guide.

That we may find serenity in Your presence and purpose in doing your will.

†Postlude

† = *Please rise if you are able*

The call to worship, opening prayer and closing words are taken from "Gates of Prayer: The New Union Prayer Book" Central Conference of American Rabbis, New York 1975.

SERVING YOU TODAY...

PastorMarianne Cotter
Liturgist Youth
Church Opener John Goeckermann
Greeter(s) Youth
Ushers Youth
A/V Powerpoint & Booth Mike Hanson & Michael Lutz
Worship Musician, Tones & Rainbow Bells Director.....Aimee Lutz

Thank you to the Tone Chimes & Rainbow Bells for providing special music!