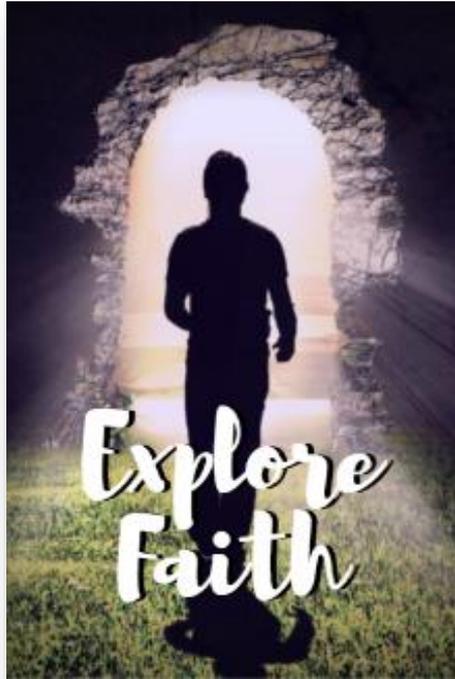


Welcome to Worship!

Third Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2020



*Today we continue to explore what it means
to be Jesus' disciples. Mark 12:28-34 teaches us
that disciples know their home is with God,
and we get there by traveling the path of love.*

*"We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time." T.S. Eliot*

**Come as you are • Be inspired • Explore faith
Connect with God • Join together • Help others**



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*Welcome to worship at First UMC Baraboo. We're glad you are here! Stay for coffee and conversation after worship. Come on Wednesday nights for a low cost meal and conversation at SPIRIT night (activities for children and youth follow the meal). **Join together** with us in serving our community. 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; Children's Bulletins are available for children 8 years old and up. Our staffed nursery is available for infants through age seven.

Prelude

Barbara Kell, Worship Musician

Ring of the Bell

Welcome

Introit

"This is the House of God"

†Call to Worship

We are God's handiwork.

**Fashioned out of dust so we might never lose touch
with our mother Earth.**

Shaped by God so we might never forget to whom we belong.

**Created with a heart so we might feel the bonds of love
that stretch between us.**

Come home to the embrace of God.

**We choose to dwell with Christ in this holy place,
in God's amazing grace!**

†Hymn

"House of God"
(see insert)

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

*You are invited to share the peace of Christ in a "non-contact" way:
a wave, simple "Good morning," "prayer hands" with a bow, etc.*

Children's Message

Special Music

"Cast Out, O Christ" (Mary Louise Bingle)
The Band

Responsive Reading from the Hebrew Scripture
based on Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and Leviticus 19:19

Israel, listen! Our God is the LORD! Only the LORD!

**Love the LORD your God with all your heart,
all your being, and all your strength.**

You must not take revenge nor hold a grudge against any of
your people; instead, you must love your neighbor as yourself;
I am the LORD.

**When we love God and love our neighbor
we are not far from God's kingdom.**

Reading from the Christian Scripture

Mark 12:28-34

The Word of Life!

Thanks be to God!

†Hymn

“The Gift of Love”
The U.M. Hymnal #408

Sermon

“The Greatest Commandment”

Offering

†Offering Response

“Lord of the Dance”
The U.M. Hymnal #261, verse 3 and refrain

†Prayer of Dedication (spoken by Liturgist)

*Creator God, thank you for calling us home to you through Jesus
Christ. He has shown us that the path of Love leads to generous,
sacrificial giving. Receive these gifts as a sign of desire to love you
with all our hearts. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

Unison Prayer for Going Home (John Killinger, adapted)

It is always good to go home, O God.

**We are grateful that our final home is in you, for that is where our hearts
are. But in the meantime it is wonderful to return to our earthly roots,
and to celebrate the sense of joy and familiarity we feel when we go
there . . .**

**It reminds us that the whole earth is yours, and that wherever we go, we
are still part of a larger family. We thank you for the things about home
that remain comfortable to us—the good people we knew, the memories
that are rekindled when we return, the places where we once walked and
sat and studied, and all the old familiar places.**

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Give us an assurance that life goes on and is good, and the knowledge that our connection to you can never be broken, regardless of how far we roam or what we do. For you are our God, and we have never forgotten that! Amen.

Joys and 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 Prayer of Jesus (*Benedictine Women of Madison*)

**Holy One, our only Home,
blessed be your name,
may your day dawn,
your will be done,
here, as in heaven.
Feed us today, and forgive us,
as we forgive each other.
Do not forsake us at the test,
but deliver us from evil.
For the glory, the power,
and the mercy are yours
now and forever.
Amen.**

Announcements

†Hymn

*"I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me"
The Faith We Sing #2153*

†Benediction

†Postlude

† = *Please rise if you are able*

SERVING YOU TODAY...

Pastor..... Marianne Cotter
Liturgist..... Jonathan Elsner
Church OpenerJohn Goeckermann
Greeters..... TBA
Usher Tim O'Keefe
A/V PowerPoint & Booth..... Alice Schellenberger
Worship Musician..... Barbara Kell

Thank you to The Band for providing special music!