

February 12, 2023
The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude Music and Bringing in the Light

Greeting and Announcements

Welcome Statement (Printed on the bulletin insert)

Silence ...a time to breathe...

*** Call to Worship** Adapted from Psalm 121

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?

***People:* My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: God will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

***People:* The Lord will keep us from all evil;
God will keep our life.**

**The Lord will keep our going out and your coming in
from this time on and for evermore.**

• **Hymn** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (NCH# 42)

• **Morning Prayer**

Holy One, you have called us to yourself. Our only response, inadequate as it may be, is to turn your way. You have called us to each other. Our response, as far as we can manage it, is to be loving and kind. You have called us to our neighbor. Our best response, as much as we are able, will be compassion, understanding and generosity. And you have called us to the Creation where the

necessary response now is to care for the earth that nourishes our lives. When we fail *to hear* your call, forgive us and open our ears. When we fail *to heed* your call, forgive us and open our hearts. Make of us grateful reflections of your goodness we pray. Amen.

*** Assurance:**

There is no sin you can confess for which you have not already and long ago been forgiven. This is the gospel for you today—the good news by which we are made whole and for which we say...

Thanks be to God!

*** Sung Response** (Words will be on the screen)

Call to Offering

Offertory

• **Sung Response** (Words will be on the screen)

Kid's Time

1st Scripture Reading **Luke 9. 18-22, 27**

2nd Scripture Reading **Luke 9. 28-36**

Sermon

Invitation

If you are hungry, or even just curious, come and eat.

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

• **Closing Hymn** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (NCH #43)

• **Benediction**

Go now in peace with the full assurance of God's grace
and the full experience of Jesus' healing love. Let the Spirit of God
make your life a source of healing for those who are broken.

Postlude

• ***Please stand if you are able***

Be Kind!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist: Tammy Young

Radio Sponsor: Sharal Steuber in appreciation for Dennis Kahn, Kristy Statz and the First Church Choir for the music and inspiration they provide each week.

If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast call the church office at 608-643-8387 to check on available dates. Cost is now at \$90.00/week. Your support of this important ministry is much appreciated.

Address Changes—If your phone number, mailing or email address changes please send the new address to the church office so we can keep our records up to date.

Offering Envelops: We're still calling and emailing the vendor for information on where our offering envelops are and when they might be delivered. We will deliver them just as soon as they actually arrive.

From Ted Larson in Baraboo: *“Happy Valentines Day to all my friends down in Sauk City.”*

We will have a very full Lenten season at First Church this year. You will find the schedule for the season in today's bulletin and a longer explanation of what's coming in the February Scoop that just came out. Please contact Pastor Brad if you have questions about or ideas for the Wednesday Evening Soup Suppers. The soup will be served at 5:30 pm and the conversations begin by (or maybe before) 6:00 pm. And if you can make a good pot of soup or bake a great loaf of bread contact Tammie Huerth or Shirley Lendved to offer your help.

Church Offering Update:

Monthly Offering Status:

Monthly Budget:	\$
January offering:	<u>\$13,409</u>
Net:	\$

Totals for the Year:

Offering budget thru Jan:	\$
Offering collected thru Jan:	\$13,409
Expenses thru Jan:	<u>\$15,808</u>
Net:	\$ (2,399)

First UCC Welcome Statement:

“Come to me,” Jesus said, “all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest”
(Matthew 11:28)

Reflecting the friendship of God toward all Creation, First United Church of Christ—Sauk City is an Open and Affirming congregation. We welcome all persons—of any sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, race, age, family structure, faith background, ability or economic circumstance. We recognize every person as a child of God, welcome all to worship and serve with us and consider all who come to be a necessary part of this fellowship with all its privileges and responsibilities.



First United Church of Christ

Schedule for the Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday - February 22, 6:00 pm

- Wednesday, March 1st 6:00pm
- Wednesday, March 8th 6:00pm
- Wednesday, March 15th 6:00pm
- Wednesday, March 22nd 6:00pm
- Wednesday, March 29th 6:00pm

We will provide a simple meal of soup and bread in the fellowship hall at **5:30 pm**, followed by conversations on topics to be determined, for the five Wednesdays in March. All are Welcome, please join us on this Lenten journey.

Maundy Thursday - April 6, 6:00 pm

Good Friday - April 7, 1:30 pm

Luke 9. 18-22, 27

Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, ‘Who do the crowds say that I am?’ They answered, ‘John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and still others, that one of the ancient prophets has arisen.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered, ‘The Messiah of God.’

He sternly ordered and commanded them not to tell anyone, saying, ‘The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.’ But truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.’

Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah’—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.