

Be Kind

We're all human



The Lord's Prayer
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory forever.
Amen

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First United Church of Christ Sauk City

An Open and Affirming Congregation



The Arabs used to say,

When a stranger appears at your door,
feed him for three days
before asking who he is,
where he's come from,
where he's headed.
That way, he'll have strength
enough to answer.
Or, by then you'll be
such good friends
you won't care.

— Naomi Shihab Nye

June 4 2023

1st Sunday after PENTECOST

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 16)*

Leader: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, ‘You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you.’

People: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me;

because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

* **1st Hymn** *Dream God’s Dream* *(on screen)*

* **Prayer (Unison)**

God, some days we are afraid. Walk with us through whatever shadowy valley we face. Some days we are lonely. Come to us then and be with us. Some days we are hurt—by neighbors, by loved ones, by life. Grant us the peace that comes through forgiving. Some times we do the hurting. Give us the wisdom to see the truth and the integrity to make it right. And in all things, on every day, remind us of your unfailing grace, your kindness and your love. Amen.

* **Assurance:**

There is no wrong you have done for which you have not already and long ago been forgiven This is the gospel of God’s grace by which we are redeemed and made whole and for which we all say:

Thanks be to God!

* **Sung Response** *Breathe on me Breath of God...* *(On screen)*

Announcements

Offering Invitation

Offertory

• **Sung Response** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow...*

• **Gratitude Prayer (Unison)**

Generosity and grace, abundance and blessing, love without borders, beauty beyond description, kindness under everything. For all that is and was and ever will be we give you thanks. Amen.

Kid’s Time

1st Scripture Reading **Micah 6:6-8**

2nd Scripture Reading **Micah 6:6-8**

Sermon *The life you save...* **Justin Wilder**

Invitation to the Table *The Great Big Welcome*

If you’re hungry, or even just curious, please come and eat.

Prayers of the people and the Lord’s Prayer

* **Closing Hymn** *This Is My Song* *(NCH #591)*

* **Benediction** “...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control...”

Postlude

* *Please stand if you are able*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgists: Rose Kleinert and Emily Fuchs

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.

From our Stock the Schools campaign—suggested donations for June: *Food items:* Jars of Peanut Butter and Jelly. *Personal items:* New or gently used (clean) leggings and sweatpants (size child 6—adult 2XL). Please drop your donations off in the red tote outside the educational doors during office hours (Monday—Friday, 8am—Noon) or inside during Sunday worship. Thanks for your help.

Questions? Concerns? Perplexed? Thirsty for some good coffee? Give a call and we'll find a table at a coffee shop where we can talk for a while. Pastor Brad

The Scoop newsletter for June was emailed to everyone who had requested a digital copy and those who requested a paper edition received theirs via U. S. Mail. If you did not receive your copy, please call or email the church office to be added to the list of recipients.

Give a warm First Church Welcome today to our guest speaker—Justin Wilder. Justin serves with pastor Brad on the board of the Mt Horeb PFLAG group and brings us a story that we need to hear today. Join us after worship for a treats and coffee hosted by our Open & Affirming Committee and then stay by for a Question and Answer time with Justin in the Fireside Room.

Our Pride Month Coffee Sale begins this Sunday. First Church and John Joseph Coffee are collaborating on a fund raising effort on behalf of community organizations creating safe spaces for LGBTQ+ youth. Check out the table in the foyer and buy a bag.

Drink Good, Do Good.

Several O&A Committee members, along with folks from 2 or 3 other churches, will be marching next Sunday behind the Mt Horeb PFLAG banner in the Mt Horeb Frolic Parade. The Frolic Parade celebrates a few dozen different organizations, churches, and businesses and highlights the value and importance of good community. We'd love to have a large 1st Church group, so if your interested talk to Pastor Brad for details on how to join in.

First UCC Welcome Statement:

“Accept one another, just as Christ accepted you...” (Romans 15:7)

First United Church of Christ—Sauk City is an Open and Affirming congregation. We have witnessed the inclusive love of God in Jesus and we seek to be an expression of that love. We welcome all into our covenant to “do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly” in the way of Jesus—whoever you are, whatever brought you here, however you identify, whoever you love, whatever your circumstances. Every part of you is precious to God, and all of who you are is welcome here at First United Church of Christ.

Today's Scripture Reading:

Micah 6:6-8

“With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?