

*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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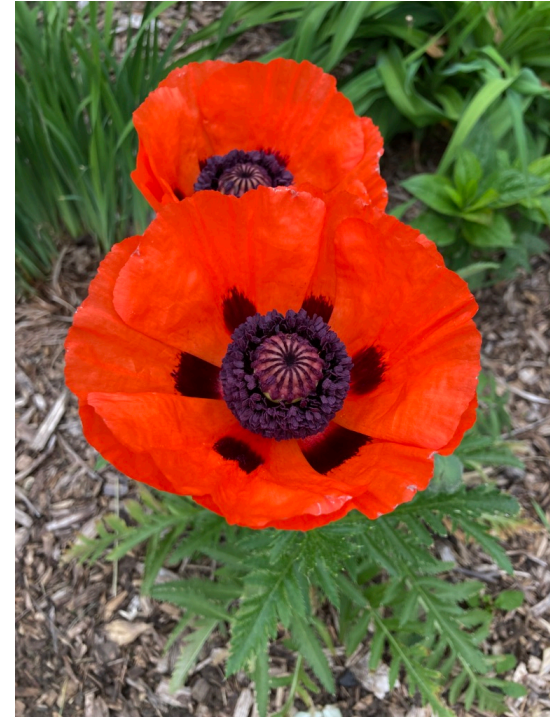
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**First United Church of Christ**  
Sauk City

*An Open and Affirming Congregation*



June 9, 2024

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### Greeting and Announcements

**Welcome Statement** (Printed on the bulletin insert)

### Into the Silence

### Prelude and Bringing in the Light

### Call to Worship

L: We are the Body of Christ

**P: Not by our choice, but by God's call,**

**Not because we are worthy, but because we are loved.**

L: We are in the company of those who follow the way of Jesus.

**P: Created by the hand of God, Redeemed in the grace of  
Christ, given breath by the Divine Spirit.**

L: We have come to worship

**P: Which is first and last and always to be grateful—for the  
unbounded love of God, for the presence of our neighbors  
for the possibility of our transformation.**

L: Enter with joy into this time of song and prayer and fellowship.

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

### • Morning Prayer

• Gracious God, we are a people created by your love, formed by the words of Jesus and breathed into life by your Spirit. We live in a world that has forgotten its Creator, is being formed by hatred and seldom breathes life to any who live here. We pray together for our world, for our neighbors, for our enemies, for our leaders; and we pray for ourselves. Forgive us for those things we should have done but failed do and for those things we did do but should not have done. Work in us the gift of forgiveness and the miracle of grace so we can be a people transformed who live to benefit your damaged but much loved world we pray. Amen.

### Promise

(from II Corinthians 5:17)

*Anyone who is in Christ, which means everyone, has become a new creation. The old is finished and gone. Everything has become new. By God's grace we are called, forgiven and made whole and for this we say...*

## Thanks be to God!

### • Sung Response

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!*

*Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices the Lord is near.*

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### Invitation to the Table

*You are welcome us to a table where love is made known...*

### Kid's Time

### Offering

**Psalm 89**

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, for ever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

### Offertory

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

### • Gratitude Prayer (Unison)

With thanksgiving and praise we bring our offerings to you. Use these gifts aid the hands that heal and the hearts that reconcile; and to shine the light of the gospel into the night around us we pray, in Jesus name. Amen.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading

**I John 4:7-12**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading

**Psalm 139:1-18**

### Sermon

*Never Lost, Always Found*

### Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

• **Closing Hymn** *O Savior, Let me walk with You* (NCH #503)

### • Benediction

*St Clare of Assisi*

Let the peace of God be in your heart  
The grace of God be in your words  
The love of God be in your hands  
And may the joy of God be the song  
your life sings.

### Postlude

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Liturgist:** Tamara Straub

**Radio Sponsors:** Greg & Laurie Kerl, in memory of Laurie's mom, Linda LeMoine

**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. Our next available dates are June 23, 30 and July 7.

**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:** Personal items: New and gently used athletic shoes in men's, women's and children's sizes. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated. 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.

**The Communion Table at First Church is set** with home made bread on the plate and grape juice in the cup. We welcome absolutely everyone to share in this meal. Whoever you are, whatever brought you here this morning, if you are even a little bit hungry, come and taste.

**Make the pleasant drive to Mt Horeb after church today** and march with your Open and Affirming/Love Your Neighbor friends in the Mt Horeb Frolic Parade. We'll be marching with PFLAG Mt Horeb, 3 Mt Horeb churches and a Girl Scout troop in a show of support for our LGBTQ neighbors. We line up at 11:30 at the Mt Horeb High School. Parade starts at noon and covers about half a mile. Then we'll gather for lunch at Brix Cider when the parade concludes. It's great fun and we'd love to have you along.

## Welcome Statement

*“Love God with all your heart. Love your neighbor as yourself.”*

*Jesus*

First United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming Congregation. We strive to foster loving and caring relationships in our church and community, and so we welcome and value all people—whoever you are, however you identify, whomever you love, whatever your story. No matter *who* you are or *where* you are on life's journey, you are welcome *as you are* here at First United Church of Christ - Sauk City.

**1st Scripture Reading****I John 4:7-12**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

**Second Scripture Reading****Psalms 139:1-18**

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.  
You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O Lord, you know it completely.  
You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there;

if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning

and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
even there your hand shall lead me,

and your right hand shall hold me fast.

If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,

and the light around me become night',

even the darkness is not dark to you;

the night is as bright as the day,

for darkness is as light to you.

For it was you who formed my inward parts;

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works;

that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you,

when I was being made in secret,

intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

In your book were written

all the days that were formed for me,

when none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

I try to count them—they are more than the sand;

I come to the end—I am still with you.