

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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Sauk City**

An Open and Affirming Congregation



June 11 2023

"ORDINARY" TIME

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 69)*

Leader: Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck. I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me.

People: I am weary with my crying; my throat is parched. My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God...

Leader: I am lowly and in pain; let your salvation, O God, protect me.

People: I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving... For the Lord hears the needy, and does not despise his own that are in bonds.

All: Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and everything that moves in them.

* 1st Hymn *God Cherishes You* (On screen)

* Prayer (Unison)

Holy One, we come from every direction. Some days, maybe today, "weak and wounded, tired and sore." Some days, maybe today, with grateful hearts overflowing. Most days burdened by weakness, by our unyielding tendency to mess things up. Forgive us. Hold us close. Direct us in your path. Strengthen us for the road that lies still ahead so that today we can stand, with whatever faith we can muster, in the assurance that we are yours and you will never leave us alone. For your presence and for this gift we give thanks. 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 **Matthew 6:38**
"...give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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 **Matthew 6:10-13**

2nd Scripture Reading **Genesis 22:1-3; 9,10**

Sermon **The Binding**

Invitation to the Table *At this Table*

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

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

* Closing Hymn *Day by Day* (On screen)

* Benediction *May our grasping and yearning dissolve into stillness...*

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgists: Scott & Christy Kinnamon

Radio Sponsors: Mark & Rhonda Pierick in celebration of Rhonda's mother's birthday on June 3: Diane Richards—mom, grandma, great grandma.

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

Emilie Novotny will be turning 105 on June 17. Let's shower her with cards sent to - Emilie Novotny, Brookdale Assisted Living, 6916 Century Ave, Middleton, WI 53562

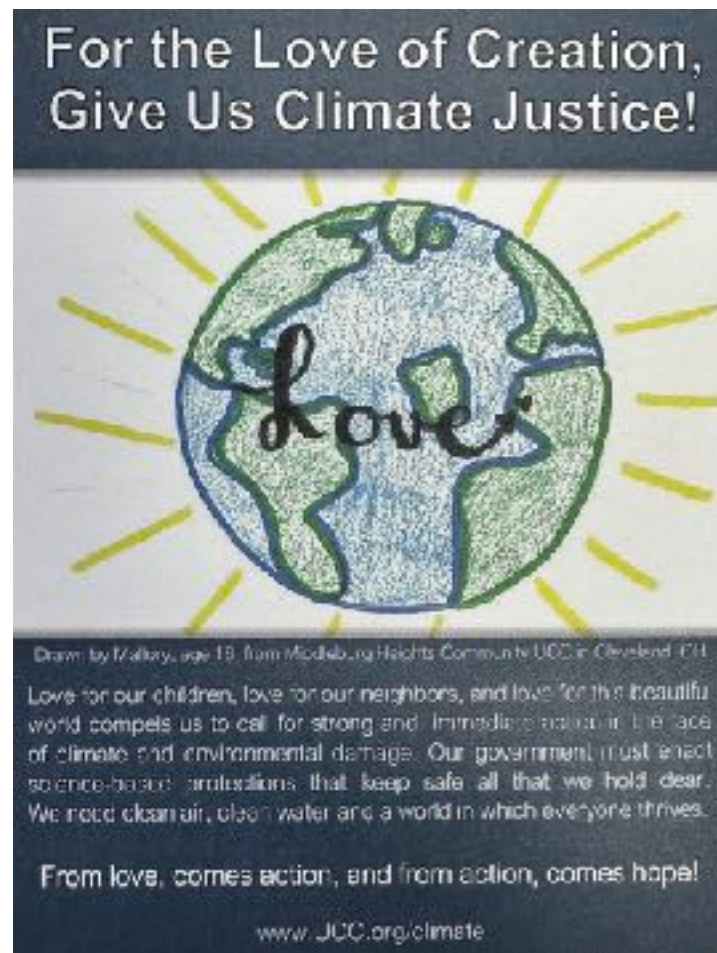
We have 2 well wishing cards for you to sign in the foyer this morning. These are for Tom Zimmerman, who recently lost his wife, Audrey, and for Peggy Alt, who lost her son, Jeffrey last December. Please take a minute and add your names to the cards following the service.

Our Pride Month Coffee Sale continues. 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 (or two).

Drink Good, Do Good.

John Brennan, coffee roaster extraordinaire, is with us this morning to talk briefly about his coffee and why he is so generously collaborating with First Church in the Coffee Fundraiser

Please pick up a “For the Love of Creation” card in the foyer this morning to send your personal message to the Environmental Protection Agency. We are participating in a United Church of Christ effort calling on the EPA to set *“the strongest science-based pollution standards as soon as possible.”* Fill out a card and leave it on the table. We will take it from there. Thanks.



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Today’s Scripture Reading:

Matthew 6. 10-13

...Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

Genesis 22. 1-3, 9,10

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, ‘Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ He said, ‘Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.’ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.

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Benediction

May our grasping and yearning dissolve into stillness...

May our fretting and thinking
Dissolve into silence...

May our worries and fears
Dissolve into love...

And may our souls ever rest
in the mercy of your grace.

Kimberly Holman