

June 18 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 70*

(Leader) In you, O Lord, we take refuge;
let us never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver us and rescue us;
incline your ear to us and save us.

(People) Be to us a rock of refuge,
a strong fortress, to save us,
for you are our rock and our fortress.

(Leader) O God, from our youth you have taught us,
and we still proclaim your wondrous deeds.
So even to old age and grey hairs,
O God, do not forsake us,

(People) Our lips will shout for joy
when we sing praises to you;
our souls also, which you have rescued.

* 1st Hymn *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* (NCH# 23)

* Prayer (Unison)

Forgiving God, we keep silent and try to hide ourselves from you.
Because we do not trust your steadfast love we wander aimlessly.
Times of distress flood our world like mighty waters. We are afraid,
and we live as people who have no hope. Forgive us. Lift the
heaviness weighing on our hearts and wasting away of our strength.
Surround us with your peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who

rejoices over those who were lost and now are found. Amen.
(Oratio pg. 61)

* Assurance: *"...nor anything else in all Creation...":*

Thanks be to God!

* Sung Response

*Breathe on me breath of God; fill me with life anew
That I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.*

Announcements

Offering Invitation

Matthew 6. 26

Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into
barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more
value than they?

Offertory

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

• Gratitude Prayer (Unison)

Generous God, we trust our world to your care and give ourselves to
your service. Take what we give today—our treasure and our hearts,
and use them to benefit the neighbors you love we pray, in Jesus'
name. Amen

Kid's Time

1st Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 1: 27-29

2nd Scripture Reading

Genesis 28: 15-17

Sermon

Invitation to the Table *Come and Taste*

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

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

* Closing Hymn *Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer* (NCH# 18)

* Benediction

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgists: Herm & Deb Tschudy

Radio Sponsors: Cliff & Jan Lawton, in memory of their fathers, Clarence Skogen and Clifford Lawton, Sr.

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

Our Pride 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.

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.

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.



Today's Scripture Readings:

I Corinthians 1:27-29

But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

Genesis 28: 15-17

Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

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Romans 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.