

August 7, 2022 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude Music and Bringing in the Light

Greeting and Announcements

Welcome Statement (Printed on the bulletin insert)

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 7)

Leader: O Lord my God, in you I take refuge;
save me from all my pursuers, and deliver me,
or like a lion they will tear me apart;
they will drag me away, with no one to rescue.

**People: Rise up, O Lord, in your anger;
lift yourself up against the fury of my enemies;
awake, O my God; you have appointed a judgement.**

Leader: God is my shield,
who saves the upright in heart.
God is a righteous judge,
and a God who has indignation every day.

**All: I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness,
and sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High.**

Silence ...a time to breathe...

* **1st Hymn** **Surely No One Can Be Safer** (NCH 487)

* **Prayer**

Gracious God, we are a people created by your love, formed by the words of Jesus and breathed into life by your Spirit. In your grace, we are whole. But sometimes we wander from wholeness and walk in darkness. Sometimes we just miss the mark. May your ever present Spirit shake us when we need shaking, hold us together when we are coming apart, and shape us more each day into the people you want us to be we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance:

Anyone who is in Christ, St Paul said, has become a new creation altogether. The old is finished and gone. Everything has become new. 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!

* **Gloria Patri**

Children's Story

1st Scripture Reading **II Corinthians 5:16-21**

2nd Scripture Reading **Matthew 26:19; 26-30**

Sermon

Invitation to the Table *At This Table*

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

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

* **Doxology**

** The Apostle's Creed*

* **Closing Hymn** **The Love of God** (On Screen)

* **Benediction** Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.

Postlude

* *Please stand if you are able*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgists: Scott and Christy Kinnamon

Radio broadcast for today sponsored by Jane Litscher, In loving memory of Lloyd Gruber.

Our “Whadd'ya Wanna Know” sermon series continues this morning. What happens next depends on you. So if there is any question you’ve always wanted to ask but weren’t sure you could, here’s your chance. Any question—God, faith, doubt, anything Bible. Is hell for real? Why are so many people fleeing the churches? Politics? Morality? Is chocolate really holy?

I’m not promising final and complete answers, but we will start some lively, and I hope fruitful, conversations. So slip me a note after the worship service, call or email your question to the church office or meet me for a cup of coffee over at John Joseph Coffee Shop sometime soon.

Brad

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—those of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, races, ages, family structures, faith backgrounds, abilities and economic circumstances. We recognize all as children 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.

II Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them,

and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Matthew 26:19; 26-30

So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, ‘Take, eat; this is my body.’ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you; for this is my “blood of the covenant,” which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.’

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated on the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.