

August 21, 2022
11th 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 9)

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
I will be glad and exult in you;
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

**People: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.**

Leader: And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

**People: For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor perish for ever.**

**All: Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.
Declare God's deeds among the peoples.**

* **1st Hymn** **Be Now My Vision** (NCH #451)

* **Prayer (Unison)**

Holy God, we can be so full of fear at times – afraid of the unknown;
afraid of what is beyond our control; afraid of what is strange to us.
And we know that fear stops us in our tracks, hinders our action, and
makes it hard for us to do what you call us to do. Give us courage.
Give us strong hearts and open hands, that we might set aside our fear,
and walk confidently in this world you have given us, we pray.
Amen. (Adapted from Beth Neel)

Assurance:

*There is no wrong you have done for which you have not already and
long ago been forgiven. This is good news. 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 Timothy 3:14-17**

2nd Scripture Reading **John 1:1-5,14**

Sermon

Invitation to the Table *Come and Taste*

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

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

* **Doxology**

* **Closing Hymn** **Come, O Fount of Every Blessing** (NCH #459)

* **Benediction**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
is yours now and ever, ever will be.

Adapted from II Corinthians 13: 13

Postlude

* ***Please stand if you are able***

“If our religion is based on salvation, our chief emotions will be fear and trembling. If our religion is based on wonder, our chief emotion will be gratitude.”
Carl Jung

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Before everything, and after everything you do remember:

Be Kind!
We are all human.

Liturgist: Marcy Thurwachter

Radio Sponsor:

Announcements:

Thanks to everyone who bought a sign to support the Sauk City ***Be Kind*** movement. They look very welcoming in our front yard. After a couple of weeks you can find the sign with your name on it and take it home if you'd like to.

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 Timothy 3:14-17

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

John 1:1-5,14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.