

August 27, 2023

## "ORDINARY" TIME

*Greeting*

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

**Silence** *...a time to breathe...*

**Prelude and Bringing in the Light**

\* **Call to Worship** adapted from Psalm 23

**Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**People:** He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**Leader: Even though I walk through the darkest valley,**

**People:** I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.

**Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.**

**People:** You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my  
life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

**Hymn** *Congregation request*

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• **Morning Prayer (Unison)**

• God of all comfort—who leads us through the valley and restores us in our darkness, takes away our fear and replaces it with trust—free us from everything that would pull us away from you. Shower us with your sure goodness and mercy. Feed us at the table you prepare and hold us safe so we may indeed dwell in your house our whole life long. Amen.

\* **Assurance:**

\* **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 & Sunday School Video**

**Offering**

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

• **Gratitude Prayer (Unison)**

We see your hand at work in the world around us, Loving God, and we offer our hands to help. Make use of these gifts, make use of our lives, so that your kingdom will continue to grow on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

**Kid's Time – video song**

**Psalm 104**

**O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures...**

**Hymn** *Congregation request*

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**Psalm 103**

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.

**Hymn** *Congregation request*

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

**Hymn** *Congregation request*

**Hymn** *Congregation request*

\* **Benediction**

**Psalm 150**

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! **Praise the Lord!**

**Postlude** *Hymn* *Congregation request*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Liturgists:** Herm and Deb Tschudy

**Radio Sponsor:**

**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.

**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. (608) 669—2926  
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.*

**From our Stock the Schools campaign—suggested donations for July:** *Food items:* Individual packages of Crackers (ritz, Goldfish etc). *Personal items:* New or gently used (clean) leggings/sweatpants (sizes 4 to adult 2EL). 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.



**Saturday, September 2nd** – First UCC Sauk City will be walking in the **COW CHIP PARADE** We want to show Sauk Prairie what we mean with our O & A covenant of welcoming **ALL** to worship with us, to demonstrate how we “Love Thy Neighbor”...**ALL our neighbors.**

Please consider joining us in the parade. The route is about a mile and there are no hills! We will also have a “people hauler” if you need to take a break. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex!

**Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** – Third annual **Chicken Drive Thru Dinner** All hands on deck...starting at 10am to prepare, run, deliver and everything in between; let's have another successful fund raiser. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

### **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.