

**August 28, 2022**  
**12<sup>th</sup> 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 10)

**Leader:** Why, O Lord, do you stand far off?  
Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

**People:** For the wicked boast of the desires of their heart,  
those greedy for gain curse and renounce the Lord.

**Leader:** They stoop, they crouch,  
and the helpless fall by their might.

**People:** Rise up, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand;  
do not forget the oppressed.

**Leader:** O Lord, you hear the desire of the meek;  
strengthen their heart, incline your ear  
to do justice for the orphan and the oppressed,  
so that those from earth may strike terror no more.

Let our worship today be a prayer for peace  
For those who today do not know peace

\* **1<sup>st</sup> Hymn** **All People That on Earth Do Dwell** (NCH #7)

\* **Prayer (Unison)**

Loving God, we are a confused and conflicted people. We pray for peace while we practice war. We pray for the hungry but feed the greedy. We pray for the poor children but make it hard for moms and dads to provide for them. We marvel at the beauty of Creation but we consume it at a furious pace. O Patient God, do not give up on us. Open our eyes more each day to the way of Jesus. Open our hearts

and hands to care for your Creation and your creatures. Breathe your transforming Spirit into us today and make us channels of grace to the world you love so much 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**

**Song** *He Touched Me* Jack Accola

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading** **I John 4: 7-12**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading** **Romans 8: 31-39**

**Sermon**

**Invitation to the Table** **Come and Taste**

*This a table set for every person  
Never bound by border or by wall...*

***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** **What a Wonderful World** *(On Screen)*

\* **Benediction**

**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:** Tammy Young

**Radio Sponsor:**

**Announcements:**

**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.

## **I John 4:7-12**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ***In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us*** and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

## **Romans 8: 31-39**

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ...

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 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.