

**September 11, 2022**  
**14<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 12)*

*Leader:* Help, O Lord, for there is no longer anyone who is godly;  
the faithful have disappeared from humankind.

*People:* 'Because the poor are despoiled, because the needy groan,  
**I will now rise up,' says the Lord;**  
**'I will place them in the safety for which they long.'**

*Leader:* The promises of the Lord are promises that are pure,  
silver refined in a furnace on the ground,  
purified seven times.

*People:* **You, O Lord, will protect us;**  
**you will guard us from this generation for ever.**

**All:** In hope let us worship our God

**\* 1<sup>st</sup> Hymn - NCH 393 - Blessed Be The Tie That Binds**

**\* Prayer (Unison)**

Blessed God, maker of all good things, you have given us so much and yet we want more. We are surrounded by your gifts, yet we long for what we do not have. Soften our hearts, so they might open to you. Forgive our blindness and give us clear eyes to see your hand in all of Creation and in each of our lives. Hear us and guide us through all our days, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**\* Assurance:**

*There is no wrong you have done for which you have not already and long ago been forgiven 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**

**"Deep and Wide" Children's Video Song and Story**

**Commissioning of our Sunday school staff**

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading** **Romans 13: 8-10**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading** **Colossians 3: 12-14**

**Sermon**

**Invitation to the Table**

*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 - NCH 590 - Spirit of Jesus, If I Love My Neighbor**

**\* Benediction** *May the road rise up to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your land,  
May the rain fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the hollow of God's hand.*

**Postlude**

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

*"It is not the task of Christianity to provide easy answers to every question, but rather to awaken us to the mystery of God. For God is not so much the object of our knowledge as the cause of our daily wonder."  
~ Kallistos Ware*

***Before everything, and after everything and in everything  
you do, remember:***

***Be Kind!  
We are all human.***

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Liturgist:** Rose Kleinert

**Radio Sponsor:** Pat Boehmer, Kristeen, Kiana and Ross Litscher. In memory of John Boehmer

**We are in the process** of re-vamping the format for the Scoop Newsletter. If you, or someone you know, would benefit from a large print edition of the Scoop please call Cathleen at the church office and let her know. We will begin sending out large print editions as needed in October.

#### **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.

Romans 13. 8-10

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Colossians 3:12-14

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.