

September 18, 2022
15th 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 13)

Leader: How long, O Lord? Will you forget me for ever?
How long will you hide your face from me?

***People:* How long must I bear pain in my soul,
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?**

Leader: Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,
and my enemy will say, 'I have prevailed';
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

***People:* But I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord,
because God has dealt bountifully with me.**

Leader: In this trust, let us worship God.

*** 1st Hymn** **This is My Father's World** (Red hymnal #33)

*** Prayer (Unison)**

Gracious God, we are a people created by your love, formed by the words of Jesus and breathed into life by your Spirit. We live in a world that has forgotten its Creator, is being formed by hatred and is failing to breathe life to any who live here. We pray together for our world, for our neighbors, for our enemies, for our leaders; and we pray for ourselves. Work in us the miracle of grace and justice so we can be a people who live out grace and justice on behalf of our damaged and dangerous world. Give Us Peace, we pray. 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**

First Church Choir "In Remembrance" **by Buryl Red**

Children's Story

1st Scripture Reading **Genesis 1:1-5**

2nd Scripture Reading **Genesis 50:24-26**

Sermon ***Genesis from 30,000 feet***

Invitation to the Table **At This Table**
If you're hungry, or even just curious, please come and eat.

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

*** Doxology**

*** Closing Hymn** **For the Beauty of the Earth** (NCH #28)

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

Postlude

*** Please stand if you are able**

We read Scripture in order to be refreshed in our memory and understanding of the story within which we ourselves are actors, to be reminded where it has come from and where it is going to, and hence what our own part within it ought to be”
N. T. Wright

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist: Herm & Deb Tschudy

Radio Sponsor: Brad & Lorna Brookins in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary.

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.

Happy 53th Anniversary: Larry and Kathy Johnson on September 21. (We missed this in the September Scoop, so we're including it here)

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.

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Genesis 50:24-26

Then Joseph said to his brothers, ‘I am about to die; but God will surely come to you, and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.’ So Joseph made the Israelites swear, saying, ‘When God comes to you, you shall carry up my bones from here.’ And Joseph died, being one hundred and ten years old; he was embalmed and placed in a coffin in Egypt.