

October 8, 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 1)*

Leader:

Happy are those

People:

who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

Leader:

They are like trees

People:

planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

Leader:

The wicked are not so,

People:

but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord watches over the way of the just, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Leader:

Come, let us walk in the way.

• Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

• Morning Prayer

God, we have been praying for a long time. We have prayed for peace in our world, wisdom for our leaders, justice in our politics. We have prayed for food for hungry children, water for thirsty families and a healthy, sustaining Creation for all. We have prayed for miracles.

Today we pray for ourselves to be made into the miracle we seek—to be formed as people of peace and wisdom and grace and generosity. Open our hearts to those who suffer. Give us the courage to stand against all harm. Forgive us, loving God, when we cannot. Amen.

• Assurance: *adapted from Psalm 103:11-13*

As the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is God's steadfast love toward us...

Thanks be to God!

* Sung Response

*Breathe on me breath of God; fill me with life anew
That I may love the what you do love, and do what you would do.*

Announcements

Offering *For the New Year, 1981* Denise Levertov

Offertory

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

• Gratitude Prayer (Unison)

Open us, Loving God, to the gospel. Open our hearts to neighborliness, our hands to generosity, our lives to service. Make us a blessing to the world you love we pray. Amen.

First Church Choir Anthem

Kid's Time

1st Scripture Reading **John 1:35-39**

2nd Scripture Reading **John 1:43-46**

Sermon **Come and see...**

Invitation to the Table

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

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

• Closing Hymn *Arise, Your Light Has Come* (NCH 164)

• Benediction *May our grasping and yearning dissolve into stillness...*

• Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist: Scott & Christy Kinnamon

Radio Sponsor: Dean Dahnert, in honor of Nathan and Brigitta's wedding anniversary; and Cliff and Jan Lawton in memory of John Lawton.

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.

The Communion table at this church is open to everybody—whether you believe, want to believe or can't believe as we do you are welcome to your share the bread and juice at Jesus' table. Whoever you are, whatever brought you here, however you identify, whoever you love, whatever your circumstances, whether you are hungry or just curious, Jesus himself invites you to this table.

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

From Members in Ministry—if you know someone who would benefit from a visit or phone call, or who would like to receive Communion in their home, please let Debbie Tschudy know. Call her at: (608) 963-4873.

From our Stock the Schools campaign—suggested donations for September: *Food items:* Granola bars. *Clothing:* WATERPROOF mittens/gloves, snow pants, winter boots. 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.

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.

The goal of Child Protective Services is to support parents and caregivers in making necessary changes so children are safe and protected in their homes. Below is a wish list of items they need to fulfill their mission. You can put your donations in the basket in the foyer. Thank You.



“Joyful Gifts”

*Children are our hope, our joy, our future.
Every child is a story yet to be told.*

Sauk County CPS Wish List of items frequently needed:

Household safety devices:

- Baby Gates
- Door/Window Alarms
- Cabinet Locks
- Outlet Covers
- Corner Protectors
- Baby Monitors

Diapering Supplies:

- Diapers (Sizes 2 & 3)
- Pull-Ups (Sizes 4 & 5)
- Baby Wipes

Convertible Car Seats

Portable Playard/Playpen



Monetary gifts are accepted

We invite you to fill the basket with these new or gently used items.

*This project is in conjunction with
Sauk County Child Protective Services (CPS)*

Thank you for your participation!

First Scripture Reading:**John 1:35-39**

The next day John (the Baptist) again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.'

Second Scripture Reading:**John 1:43-46**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'

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