

October 9, 2022
21st 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 16)*

Leader: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, ‘You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.’

People: **I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
I keep the Lord always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

All: **Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body rests secure.**

**You show me the path of life.
at your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

*** 1st Hymn I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry** (NCH 351)

*** Prayer (Unison)**

God, some days we are afraid. Walk with us through whatever shadowy valley we face. Some days we are lonely. Come to us then and be with us. Some days we are hurt—by neighbors, by loved ones, by life. Grant us the peace that comes through forgiving. Some times we do the hurting. Give us the wisdom to see the truth and the integrity to make it right. And in all things, on every day, remind us of your unfailing grace, your kindness and your love. 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**

Choir Anthem *Holy Is He*

Children’s Story

Scripture Reading **Galatians 5:6**

Sermon

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

*** Doxology**

*** Closing Hymn** *Let Justice Flow Like Streams* (NCH #588)

*** 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**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist: Marcy Thurwachter

Radio Sponsor: Dean Dahnert, in honor of Brigitta and Nathan Brickl's wedding anniversary and Nathan Brickl's birthday.

Today we welcome to the First Church pulpit Amy Lyle and Ashley Green. As part of the Open and Affirming Committee's continuing effort to inform and educate our congregation, Amy and Ashley will be telling stories from their family experience of raising a child who identifies as "non-binary." They will also host a question and answer session (with treats and coffee, of course) in the Fireside Room after the church service. Please give Amy and Ashley the standard (as in **boundless** and **extravagant**) First Church welcome.

We have one last date to fill on the Meals on Wheels volunteer opportunity. Thursday, October 27th is still available. Thank you to everyone who has so graciously volunteered to help deliver meals.

The Scoop newsletter for October was emailed to everyone that had requested a digital copy and those that requested a paper edition were mailed via the post office. If you did not receive your edition, please call or email the office to be added to the list of recipients.

The church office is taking reservations for your Radio broadcast sponsorship for 2023. Please contact the office as soon as possible to ensure your dates are reserved. Cost of radio sponsorship is \$85. Sponsorship payments may be left in the offering box or mailed to the church.

The national office of the United Church of Christ has issued an emergency appeal to support the immediate needs of families and communities affected by Hurricanes Fiona and Ian in Puerto Rico, Cuba, Florida and the Carolinas. Look for information on how you can contribute on this website: <https://support.ucc.org/donate---hurricanes-2022> or send a check to:

**United Church of Christ
PO BOX 71957
Cleveland, OH 44194.**

Please be sure to note "Hurricanes 2022 Fund" in the memo section.

The Arabs used to say,

When a stranger appears at your door,
feed him for three days
before asking who he is,
where he's come from,
where he's headed.
That way, he'll have strength
enough to answer.
Or, by then you'll be
such good friends
you won't care.

— Naomi Shihab Nye

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—of any sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, race, age, family structure, faith background, ability or economic circumstance. We recognize every person as a child 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.

Today's Scripture Reading:

Galatians 5:6

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything; the only thing that counts is faith working through love.