

October 15, 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 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 today who have no peace.

• **Hymn** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* (Red Hymnal #1)

• Morning Prayer

God, there is much in our lives that worries us. Grant us a courage to live that comes from knowing you will never leave us alone. There is much in our world that divides us. Encircle us with love and respect and encourage us to be loving and respectful. There is much that makes us afraid—things past, present and future. Help us to breathe in the peace of your ever present Spirit. And God, there is much in our world that speaks hope. *Today* open our eyes to see, our hearts to receive and our hands to give away the best you give to us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

* The Promise

Here is the gospel—the good news: God loves this world; God has redeemed this world; God is re-making this world. In this *we* are being made whole, and for this we all say—

Thanks be to God!

* Sung Response

Breathe on me breath of God; fill me with life anew

That I may love what you do love, and do what you would do.

Announcements

Offering *...Open hearts receive the bounty*

Open hands will give away...

Offertory

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

• Gratitude Prayer (Unison)

Like the turning of the seasons our hearts turn again to you, our Generous God, and we praise you for your kindness toward us today. Bless what we bring. Use it, and use us, to serve your world and to give honor to your name. Amen.

Bridge Over Troubled Water

Sam Roberts—Vocals Sherri Roberts—Piano

Kid's Time

1st Scripture Reading **John 2:1-5**

2nd Scripture Reading **John 2:6-11**

Sermon *4500 Glasses of Chocolate Milk*

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

• **Closing Hymn** *The Love of God* (On the Screen)

• **Benediction** *MAY GOD BLESS YOU with discomfort,
at easy answers, half-truths...*

• Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist: Rose Kleinert and Emily Fuchs

Radio Sponsor: Jane Litscher, in honor of her mother, Lucinda Gruber

First UCC Welcome Statement:

“Love God with all your heart. Love your neighbor as yourself.” Jesus

First United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming Congregation. We strive to foster loving and caring relationships in our church and community, and so we welcome and value all people—without regard to sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, race, or faith background. Anyone who covenants with us to “do justice, love kindness and walk humbly” in the way of Jesus is invited to share in every aspect of our life together. No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome as you are here at First United Church of Christ - Sauk City.

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.

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 2:1-5**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Second Scripture Reading:**John 2:4-11**

Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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