

October 16, 2022
22nd 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** *(written by Thom Shuman)*

Leader: With friends and strangers,
with family and neighbors, we gather:

***People:* Come among us, Healing God,
with that love which never ends.**

Leader: With faith reaching out to touch,
with hearts straining to trust, we hope:

***People:* Come among us, Friend of the broken,
with your compassion which makes us whole.**

Leader: With word and wonder,
with silence and song, we wait:

***People:* Come among us, Dryer of our tears,
and lift us to our feet to follow you.**

*** 1st Hymn** **O God, as with a Potter's Hand** (NCH 550)

*** 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, and yet are not satisfied. Soften our hearts, so they might open to you. Forgive our blindness; clear our eyes to see your hand in all of Creation, in our neighbors, in ourselves. Hear us and guide us through all our days, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*** Assurance:**

Anyone who is in Christ, St Paul said, has become a new creation altogether. The old is finished and gone. Everything has become new. 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**

Children's Song and Story

1st Scripture Reading **Genesis 2:7; 21-23**

2nd Scripture Reading **Matthew 6:19-21**

Sermon *"Treasure your heart, and your heart will lead you to treasure"*
Rev. Thaddeus Proper

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

Offering

Offertory

*** Doxology**

*** Apostle's Creed**

*** Closing Hymn** **God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian** (NCH 355)

*** Benediction**

*Go in peace, with the full assurance of God's grace
and the full experience of Jesus' healing love.*

Go and make your life a channel of healing for those who are broken.

Go in peace to serve the Lord. Amen.

Postlude

*** Please stand if you are able**

Before everything, after everything, in everything you do

Be Kind!

We are all human.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist: Tammy Young

Radio Sponsor:

The adult Bible Study meets this morning following the worship service. We will be reading and discussing Genesis 2—the second Creation story. Please join in. You might not learn where you came from but you may get a heads up on where you are going.

First UCC 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 and 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.

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. We can also receive donations here at First Church and pass them on to the Cleveland office for you.

Genesis 2:7; 21-23

The Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being...

So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, ‘This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.’

Mt 6.19-21

‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated on the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.