

October 23, 2022
23rd 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 20

Leader: The Lord answer you in the day of trouble!

The name of the God of Jacob protect you!
May God send you help from the sanctuary,
and give you support from Zion.

**People: May God grant you your heart's desire,
and fulfill all your plans.**

Leader: Now I know that the Lord will help us;
God will answer us from holy heaven
with mighty victories by God's right hand.

**People: Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses,
but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God...
we shall rise and stand upright.**

Leader: In hope, let us come and worship.

*** 1st Hymn** *Morning Has Broken* (Red Hymnal # 29)

*** Prayer (Unison)**

Merciful and Creating God, before you our limits are clear. We confess our ill spoken words, our cold hearts, our turning away from neighbors, our broken promises. Forgive us, Holy One, for squandering your gifts, for our grasping selfishness, for neglected opportunities to do good. Come into our hearts and minds and make us new again we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen

*** Assurance:** adapted from Romans 8

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus and we know that in all things God works for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. And we are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. This is the gospel of God's grace by which we are made whole and for which we all say:

Thanks be to God!

*** Gloria Patri**

Children's Song and Story

1st Scripture Reading **Genesis 3: 1-9**

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

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

Offering *Dawn Mist*

Offertory

*** Doxology**

*** Closing Hymn** *Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer* (NCH #18)

*** Benediction**

May the God who shakes heaven and earth,
whom death could not contain,
who lives to disturb and heal us,
bless you with power to go forth
And proclaim the gospel. Amen (Janet Morley)

Postlude

*** Please stand if you are able**

Before everything, after everything, in everything
Be Kind!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist: Peggy Ganser

Radio Sponsor: Rod & Carol Hehenberger in memory of Ruth & Don Hehenberger

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 3: 1-9

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God say, “You shall not eat from any tree in the garden”?’ The woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, “You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.”’ But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, ‘Where are you?’

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.