

October 30, 2022
24th 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 23*

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

People: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Leader: Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

People: I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

**Leader: You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;**

People: you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Affirmation of Ministry for Sherri Roberts

*** 1st Hymn** *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore* (NCH# 173)

*** Prayer (Unison)**

Holy God, in you we live and move and have our being. But we confess our trust in you is too easily abandoned; we too easily allow our darkness to blot out your light. Help us, Lord, for we have no help but you. Forgive our narrow vision and our lack of trust in your mercy and kindness. Send your healing Spirit to renew our hearts and minds, so that we might remember our baptism and give a more faithful offering our lives to you and the neighbors around us. We ask, and we thank, in Jesus name. Amen *(Oratio pg. 107)*

*** 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 6: 5-7**

2nd Scripture Reading **Genesis 9: 8-16**

Sermon

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

• Closing Hymn *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* (NCH #76)

• 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 source of healing for those who are broken.
Amen.*

Postlude

*** Please stand if you are able**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist: Rose Kleinert & Emily Fuchs

Radio Sponsor: Herman & Debbie Tschudy in memory of their family members (Fathers: Emil Tschudy & Dale Dennis, Mothers: Martha Tschudy and Anna Mae Dennis, Brother in law and nephew: Peter & Dominic Giacomino, Brother: Alvin Tschudy)

The adult Bible Study Meets this morning following the worship service. We will be reading and discussing Genesis 6-9—the story of the flood. Please join in.

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.

Church Offering Update:

Monthly Budget:	\$ 16,667
Collected Sep 21–Oct 20:	<u>\$ 10,798</u>
Net:	\$ (5869)

Totals for Year:

Offering budget thru Sept:	\$ 150,003
Offering collected thru Sept:	\$ 107,847
Expenses thru Sept:	<u>\$ 143,901</u>
Net:	\$ (36,054)

Genesis 6:5-7

The Lord saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. So the Lord said, ‘I will blot out from the earth the human beings I have created—people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.’

Genesis 9: 8-16

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ‘As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.’ God said, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.’

“If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion.” —Dalai Lama