

Nov 13, 2022
Stewardship Sunday

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 27

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

People: Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;

Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:

People: to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.

Leader: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord;

All: Come, let us worship

1st Hymn *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You* (NCH #4)

Morning Prayer

God, our world these days is so dark around the edges—dark sometimes to its core. Too often we feel adrift, like the anchor has let loose. But in this uncertainty we choose hope. We choose trust in your promise to always be with us, to never forsake us, to never leave us alone. Help us to be true to this hope and trust. Strengthen us when we falter. Call us back when we stray. Rejoice with us in the joy that is

ours when we are held safe in your arms. With gratefulness we come to you in Jesus' name. Amen.

Gloria Patri

First Choir Anthem *Now Walk with God* Otis Skillings

Children's Story

1st Scripture Reading **Acts 3:1-5**

2nd Scripture Reading **Acts 3:1-10**

Sermon

Invitation to the Table

From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving
If you are hungry, or even just curious, come and eat

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

- **Doxology**
- **Closing Hymn** *O Jesus, I Have Promised* (NCH #493)
- **Benediction**

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you

May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Postlude

- *Please stand if you are able*

Before everything, after everything, in everything

Be Kind!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist: Sherri Roberts

The adult Bible Study Meets this morning following the worship service. We will be reading and discussing Genesis 18—How to have a baby when you're 90 and then tell God he's all wrong about something.

The Giving Tree is set up in the hall near the office. Pick a card and give a kid a happier Christmas.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service: 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 22 at St John's Lutheran Church. The community is invited and welcome.

Address Changes—If your mailing or email address changes please send the new address to the church office so we can keep our records up to date.

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.

"There are three ways to ultimate success:

The first way is to be kind.

The second way is to be kind.

The third way is to be kind."

Fred Rogers

Church Offering Update:

Monthly Offering Status:

Monthly Budget: \$ 16,667

October offering: \$ 13,089

Net: \$ (3,578)

Totals for Year:

Offering budget thru Sept: \$ 150,003

Offering collected thru Sept: \$ 107,847

Expenses thru Sept: \$ 143,901

Net: \$ (36,054)

Acts 3:1-5

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. ²And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. ³When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. ⁴Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, 'Look at us.' ⁵And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them.

Acts 3:1-10

⁶But Peter said, 'I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk.' ⁷And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong.⁸Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. ⁹All the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.