

July 10, 2022 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist: Tammy Young

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—those of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, races, ages, family structures, faith backgrounds, abilities and economic circumstances. We recognize all as children 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.

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 3)

Leader: O Lord, how many are my foes!

Many are rising against me;

many are saying to me,

‘There is no help for you in God.’

**People: But you, O Lord, are a shield around me,
my glory, and the one who lifts up my head.**

**I cry aloud to the Lord,
and God answers me from God’s holy hill.**

Leader: I lie down and sleep;

I wake again, for the Lord sustains me.

I am not afraid of tens of thousands of people
who have set themselves against me all around.

People: Rise up, O Lord!

Deliver me, O my God!

**For you strike all my enemies on the cheek;
you break the teeth of the wicked.**

**All: Deliverance belongs to the Lord;
may your blessing be on your people!
Now come, let us worship God.**

Silence

The Apostle’s Creed

1st Hymn - NCH 552 - “From the Crush of Wealth and Power”

*** Our Prayer...**

Still Speaking God, sometimes we keep silent and try to hide ourselves from you. When times of distress flood our world like mighty waters and hurricane winds blow us about we are afraid, and we live as people who have no future. Forgive us. Encourage us. Surround us with your peace so we can live large in the hope of the gospel. Embrace us with your Spirit so we can embrace the beauty of this life and the joy of your Creation. Love us *into* the way of love we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

There is no wrong you have done for which you have not already and long ago been forgiven. This is the gospel—the good news that comes to us from the God who is Love. This word is always true and we can always trust it. Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri

Children's Story

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30: 9-14

Gospel Reading: Luke 10: 25-37

Sermon

Invitation: *At this Table*

All are welcome. If you're hungry, come and eat

Communion Hymn -"At This Table"-NCH 332 (tune only)

To this table come the hungry
To this table come the poor
Come the lost, the lonely, seeking
Come the tired and the sore

[Chorus] At this table we are welcome
At this table we are fed
Here we live our deepest longing
Sip the wine and taste the bread

Round this table we are sisters
We are brothers, daughters, sons
Round this table we are neighbors
Out of many we are one

Chorus

In the presence of the Teacher
In the company of friends
In the breathing of the Spirit
In the meal that never ends

Chorus

(Repeat last 2 lines of chorus)
Here we live our deepest longing
Sip the wine and taste the bread

Lyrics—Brad Brookins
Tune—Public Domain (Beach Spring)

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

Doxology

Closing Hymn - NCH 541 - "They Asked, 'Who's My Neighbor'"

*** Benediction**

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet
walk with you on the road.
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands
stretch out your hands to serve.
May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart
open your hearts to love.
May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,
And may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you. Amen.
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Postlude