

July 26, 2020 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Greeting

Opening Song (Instrumental)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Liturgist #1: Let us call on our God and give thanks. Let hearts rejoice as we sing God's praise.

Liturgist #2: Glory be to God in whose covenant we find life. Let all the people tell of God's wonderful deeds.

Liturgist #1: Let us open ourselves continually to God's presence. Let us seek the strength that God alone provides.

Liturgist #2: Surely the Spirit helps us in our weakness. The Spirit searches our hearts and enlarges our prayers.

Liturgist #1: Who can separate us from the love of God? Will hardship, distress, or peril overcome us?

Liturgist #2: Nothing can separate us from God's love. We can face all things, knowing God's care.

Song (Instrumental)

Confession of Sin (Liturgist #2)

You know us, God, better than we know ourselves. You know the ways we scheme and manipulate for our own advantage. You are aware of how often our deeds fail to match the faith we claim. Help us to face ourselves with honesty. Give us the will and courage to change our ways. Save us, O God, that our lives might give expression to your reign. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri (instrumental)

Old Testament Lesson – Genesis 29:15-28 (Liturgist #1)

Children's Sermon

Song (recorded)

Epistle Lesson – Romans 8:26-39 (Liturgist #1)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer (Liturgist #2)

Offering

Gospel Lesson – Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sermon

Song (Instrumental)

Benediction

Postlude

Announcements

*This morning's radio broadcast is sponsored by the Von Behren Family, in loving memory of their father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Alan Von Behren, Sr.

*First UCC has hosted a food stand up at the Badger Steam and Gasoline Engine Club for a few years running. Members of the church can volunteer and earn \$10 per hour for your favorite charitable cause (or to earn \$ for the January 17-23, 2021 mission trip to Back Bay Mission). The Flea Market will happen August 21, 22 & 23 and the Swap Meet will happen September 18, 19 & 20. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sue Herbrand at (608)643-8760, (608)544-2413 or (608)370-4686 (or email at timstrucking@frontier.com).

*There will be an outdoor service in our beautiful church park scheduled for August 2 at the 10:30am service. Communion will be served. On that day we will worship inside the sanctuary (mask required) at 9am. We will also worship in the park the first Sunday of September and hopefully the first Sunday of October (weather permitting).