

June 26, 2022 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist: Sherri Roberts

Radio—sponsored by Evelyn Accola in memory of Ruth Accola, Andrew & Anna Accola, Roy & LaVera Accola

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 2)

Leader: Why do the nations conspire,
and the peoples plot in vain?
The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and his anointed, saying,
‘Let us burst their bonds asunder,
and cast their cords from us.’

**People: He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord has them in derision.**

**Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
‘I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.’**

Leader: I will tell of the decree of the Lord:
He said to me, ‘You are my son;
today I have begotten you...

**People: Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
Serve the Lord in reverence**

**All: Happy are all who take refuge in God.
Come, let us worship the Lord.**

Silence

1st Hymn - NCH 498 - “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”
comes from a Ghana folk song.

* Our Prayer...

Forgiving God, we keep silent and try to hide ourselves from you. Times of distress flood our world like mighty waters. We are afraid, and we live as people who have no hope. Forgive us. Encourage us. Surround us with your peace and help us live in the hope of the gospel. We pray, as always, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness (adapted from II Corinthians 5.17)

Anyone (which means everyone) who is in Christ, has become a new creation altogether: the old is finished and gone; everything has become new! This is the gospel, the good news, by which we are redeemed and for which we all say, “Thanks be to God.”

Gloria Patri

Children's Story

First Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

2nd Hymn - NCH 452 - "Savior, Who Dying Gave" - this hymn relates to today's reading from Galatians.

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:51-62

Sermon

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

Offering **The Summer Day** **Mary Oliver**

Offertory - 803 - "Lamb of God"

Doxology

Closing Hymn - NCH 493 - Inspired in part by today's gospel, "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

*** Benediction**

Postlude

The Summer Day

Mary Oliver

Who made the world?
Who made the swan, and the black bear?
Who made the grasshopper?
This grasshopper, I mean -
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up
and down -
who is gazing around with her enormous and
complicated eyes.
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly
washes her face.
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down
into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the
fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.
Tell me, what else should I have done?
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?
Tell me, what is it you plan to do
with your one wild and precious life?