

**September 25, 2022**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Prelude Music and Bringing in the Light

Greetings and Announcements

**Welcome Statement** (Printed on the bulletin insert)

**Silence** ...a time to breathe....

**\* Call to Worship** (adapted from Psalm 15)

*Leader:* O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

*People:* Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;

*Leader:* who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

*People:* but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

*Leader:* Those who do these things shall never be moved. In faithfulness, let us worship our God.

**\* 1<sup>st</sup> Hymn** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* (NCH #495)

**\* Prayer (Unison)**

Gracious and eternal God, upon whose breath we owe our being, we humble ourselves now in prayer. We come to you anxious with our failings and troubled by our faults and expecting rebuke. Yet your mercy welcomes us wholly and without judgment, and in your grace we are reminded how much we vainly magnify ourselves in this world and ascribe more importance to our wants and desires than to living out your everlasting love. Refresh our spirit, create us anew, and open us to witness the reverent humming of your presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ your Son we pray. Amen.

**\* Assurance**

There is no wrong you have done for which you have not already and long ago been forgiven. This is the gospel of God's grace by which are redeemed and made whole and for which we all say:

***Thanks be to God!***

**\* Gloria Patri**

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading** Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16

**First Choir** "Down in the Valley to Pray"  
arr. by Jay Althouse

**Children's Sermon**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading** 1 Timothy 6: 6-19

**Gospel Reading** Luke 16: 19-31

**Sermon** *The Search and Call*

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

**\* Doxology**

**\* Closing Hymn** *Children of God* (NCH #533)

**\* Benediction**

*Go forth now back into the world, and remember the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit is yours now - and always, always will be.*

**Postlude**

**\* Please stand if you are able**

**Before everything, and after everything and in everything you do, remember:**

**Be Kind!**

**We are all human.**

### *Announcements*

Liturgist: Scott & Christy Kinnamon

Radio Sponsor: Emily Fuchs & Rose Kleinert in memory of Bill Fuchs

#### **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.

Meals on Wheels volunteer opportunity: Twice a year the church volunteers to pick up and deliver for Meals on Wheels. We have the weeks of October 24 and October 31. Please sign up on the schedule sheet in the Narthex or call the office or send an email with your interest. Last spring, we did not have enough volunteers to fill our

obligated days. Please consider this opportunity to help our community.

October Scoop will be the first edition of being distributed as an online version. If you are interested in receiving a paper copy or via email and have not contacted the church office, please do so before September 28, 2022.

There is a sign-up sheet for the Sauk Prairie Against Hunger (SPAHA) Pack Event. We need a team of 20 for 2 hours, Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 6:30- 8:30 PM. If you have a smart phone, sign up on our Church Connect site. (Ask Mrs. Brickl or Dean Dahnert for assistance.)

## **Psalm 91**

### **Assurance of God's Protection**

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,  
will say to the LORD, 'My refuge and my fortress;  
my God, in whom I trust.'

For he will deliver you from the snare of the  
fowler

and from the deadly pestilence;  
he will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

You will not fear the terror of the night,  
or the arrow that flies by day,  
or the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

Those who love me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know my name.  
When they call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble,  
I will rescue them and honour them.  
With long life I will satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.

### **1 Timothy 6: 6-19**

Of course, there is great gain in godliness  
combined with contentment; for we brought

nothing into the world, so that we can take  
nothing out of it; but if we have food and  
clothing, we will be content with these. But those  
who want to be rich fall into temptation and are  
trapped by many senseless and harmful desires  
that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For  
the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil,  
and in their eagerness to be rich some have  
wandered away from the faith and pierced  
themselves with many pains.

### **The Good Fight of Faith**

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue  
righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance,  
gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take  
hold of the eternal life, to which you were called  
and for which you made the good confession in  
the presence of many witnesses. In the presence  
of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ  
Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate  
made the good confession, I charge you to keep  
the commandment without spot or blame until  
the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which  
he will bring about at the right time—he who is  
the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings  
and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has  
immortality and dwells in unapproachable light,  
whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him  
be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich,  
command them not to be haughty, or to set their

hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

## **Luke 16: 19-31**

### **The Rich Man and Lazarus**

‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot

do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.” ’