

May 5, 2024
The 6th Sunday of Easter

Greeting and Announcements

Welcome Statement (Printed on the bulletin insert)

Silence...Prelude and Bringing in the Light

• **Call to Worship**

L: “Come to me,” Jesus said.

P: In our weariness, carrying our burdens, we come seeking rest.

L: “I will give you rest,” Jesus promised.

P: And claiming that promise this morning, we find we are at peace.

L: “Take my yoke,” Jesus said. “Learn from me gentleness and humility.”

P: We respond to this gentle invitation, and we feel our burden lighten and our way grow easy.

All: Trusting this morning the love of God, the Grace of Jesus Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit, we come with joy to worship.

• **Hymn** *Enter, Rejoice, and Come In* (NCH #73)

• **Morning Prayer**

God of truth, it is hard for us to be truthful when our world is so anxious and our hearts clouded by fear. Help us to be honest before you and with each other. God of mercy, you are ready to forgive and teach us the way to live. Free us from all that limits our response to your gracious word. God of hope, we are grateful for your steadfast love and grateful for your patience and care. By your grace guide us to walk the way of Jesus in confidence and joy. Amen. (Oratio pg. 57)

* **The Promise**

Here is the gospel—the good news: God loves this world; God has redeemed this world; God is re-making this world. In this *we* are being made whole, and for this we all say—

Thanks be to God!

• **Sung Response**

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices the Lord is near.
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Invitation to the Table *Come to Me*

Honoring our Graduates

Hymn *Go My Children, with My Blessing*

Choir Anthem

Offering *Sometimes generosity grows out of a moment of joy...*

Offertory

• **Sung Response** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow...*

• **Gratitude Prayer (Unison)**

Like the turning of the seasons our hearts turn again to you, our Generous God, and we praise you for your gifts to us. Bless what we bring today. Use it and use us to serve your people and to give honor to your name. Amen

1st Scripture Reading **Mark 5:21-24**

2nd Scripture Reading **Mark 5:24-34**

Sermon

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

• **Closing Hymn** *Surely No One Can Be Safer* (NCH #487)

• **Benediction** *May the road rise up to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your lands...*

Postlude

• *Please stand if you are able*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist: Cliff Lawton

Radio Sponsors: Steve and Kristy Statz, in memory and honor of their parent's anniversaries—John & Pat Boehmer (May 1) and Tony & Claire Statz (May 2).

If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast call the church office at 608-643-8387 to check on available dates. Cost is now at \$90.00/week. Your support of this important ministry is much appreciated. Our next available dates are June 23, 30 and July 7.

Last call for donations for Mabel's Building Mission. The Sunday School requests that final donations be turned in by May 12. If you have any questions contact Margaret McFarlane.

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

From our Stock the Schools campaign—suggested donations for May: Food items: Granola Bars; Personal items: Toothbrushes and full size toothpaste. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated. Please drop your donations off in the red tote outside the educational doors during office hours (Monday-Friday 8am–Noon) or inside during Sunday worship. Thanks for your help.

Welcome Statement from 1st Congregational UCC, Baraboo
No matter where you are on life's journey...to new visitors and old friends... to people of all colors, cultures, classes, ages, abilities, gender, family type, and sexual orientation... to all who have no church home, need strength, want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not believe... to believers and questioners and

questioning believers... Welcome to this Just Peace, Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ.

Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors:

Kassie Gavol
Harrison Haas
Elena Homar
Morgan Larsen
Sam Logterman
Mia Sunday
Sam Sprecher

Today we celebrate our 2024 graduates! Our heartfelt congratulations! May God be with you as you venture ahead on your journeys!

1st Scripture Reading

Mark 5:21-24

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So Jesus went with him.

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 5:24-28

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.'