

SALEM CHURCH

FOND DU LAC & LAMARTINE
REV. JACK STUBBS

120 Sheboygan Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

October 9th 2011
17th Sunday after Pentecost

United Methodist Women's Sunday Observance of Children's Sabbath



Prelude

Introit

"Jesus Loves Me"

Praise Singers

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: Jesus said, "Let the children come to me..."

People: We come, each of us a child of God.

Leader: Jesus said, "Do not stop them."

People: We come to remove obstacles before children.

Leader: Jesus said, "It is to such as these that the reign of God belongs."

**People: We come to recognize that each child is already part of
God's realm.**

Leader: Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the reign of God as a little child will never enter it."

People: We come to worship with the trust and vulnerability and dependence of a child.

All: Come, let us worship God.

*Hymn

"O God in Heaven"

No. 119 Red Hymnal

*Opening Prayer (Responsive)

Adapted from *Guide My Feet: Prayers and Meditations on Loving and Working for Children* by Marian Wright Edelman

Leader: O God, by faith, like Abraham, let us obey Your call to leave our comfortable homes and set out for strange places although we do not know for certain where we are going.

People: Embolden us to venture to our legislators' offices, struggling schools, and communities burdened by poverty to seek justice and strengthen children.

Leader: By faith, like Noah, let us heed Your signs and warnings and build sturdy arks to rescue our children from current and coming floods.

People: Mobilize us now to respond to the rising tide of poverty in which too many children are drowning and the achievement gap tsunami that swallows up millions of poor and minority children.

Leader: By faith, like Isaac and Jacob, let us seek Your blessings on our children's futures.

People: Open our eyes now to see how we can assure all children the gift of a good education so they can realize their promise.

Leader: By faith, like Moses, let us leave Pharaoh's house and head across the wilderness to lead our oppressed children to freedom.

People: Help us to improve early childhood experiences and education so that every child's potential is unlocked.

Leader: By faith, like Joseph, let us turn evil into good and welcome our erring brothers and kin with a spirit of reconciliation and love.

People: Help us to cherish each child and never give up on a single one.

Leader: By faith, like the child David, let us go out without fear to face the Goliaths of our day with slingshots of righteousness and justice confident of Your divine guidance and protection.

All: Amen.

Ministry of Music *"We're UMW" (United Methodist Women Purpose)*
Valorie Caldwell, Betty Lindemer, Mary Scharinger

Children's Time

Special Mission Recognition

Lois Farina

Sung Call to Prayer *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

No. 452, Vs. 3
Red Hymnal

***While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread,
Be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray from thee aside.***

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of new beginnings, we confess that we are stuck in our old ways. You taught us about an upside down reign, and yet we still live our lives seeking power, wealth, and status. We have failed to protect those who are most vulnerable, to stand with and for those who live in poverty, to put children first. Forgive us, we pray. Shake us up, open our hearts and our hands, our eyes and our ears that we hear again your calling and live our lives in grateful obedience. Amen.

Silent Prayer

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Like a parent racing out to welcome the prodigal child who had lost his way, God greets our return with joy and love. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sung Close to Prayer *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"* No. 452, Vs. 2

***May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire! As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!***

Scripture Lesson *Isaiah 58:6-12*

Meditation *Just Society/Safe Children* Kelly M. O'Brien

Offertory *"Jesu, Jesu"*
Valorie Caldwell, Betty Lindemer, Mary Scharinger

[Please register your presence by signing the attendance pads found in the pews.]

*Doxology *"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"* No. 2031 Black Hymnal
***We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving;
And we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.***

*Prayer of Dedication

All children and youth attending music class may leave at this time.

*Hymn *"Here I Am, Lord"* No. 593 Red Hymnal
The congregation will sing the verses; a chorus will sing the refrain.

Commissioning of CROP Walker (Responsive)

Leader: As we prepare for our CROP WALK, let us recall those for whom we walk.

People: **For those who hunger and are not fed; for those who are driven from their homes.**

Women: **For women, who nurture their families against all odds.**

Children: **For children, who look to adults for care and protection.**

Leader: Today we WALK, because they walk... let us stand up, if we are able.

People: **God, bless our feet. May we not be afraid to take a stand for what is right.**

(Please be seated.)

Leader: Will the Walkers please stand.

Leader: May God bless your feet and strengthen them to accompany our sisters and brothers around the world who have been uprooted from their homes.

Walkers: We give thanks for our sponsors, for the work of Church World Service, and the local hunger ministries supported by this walk.

People: May you walk safely. May you be a witness of caring to our community.

Leader: May we join with others around the world in the struggle for justice and peace.

People: Gracious God, bless our feet, hands and hearts. Give us strength to reach out to those in need, whether near or far. Amen.

Welcoming our Visitors

Parish Notices

*Sending Forth (Responsive)

Leader: Go and praise God the Creator who made each child in God's image!

People: We will praise our Creator by recognizing each child's sacred worth.

Leader: Go and praise the Christ who blessed the children!

People: We come to remove obstacles before children.

Leader: Go and praise God the Holy Spirit who moves among us!

People: We will praise God by putting our faith into action to seek justice for children.

*Postlude

*** Indicates for those who are able, please stand.**

Nursery care is available for children 4 years of age and younger during worship & Sunday School; ushers can assist you with its location. There is also a Cry Room available.

Large print bulletins are available from ushers.

USHERS: Nancy Steger, Nicole Jackson, Jim & Jodie Voight
GREETERS: UMW **SOUND:** Luke Rankin, Mike Rankin
ACOLYTES: Maddy Corbin, Duncan Corbin
NURSERY: Kate Hoddel, Taylor Hoaglin
Pastor: Rev. Jack Stubbs Cell: 920-251-0959 Home: 920-933-2313
Minister Emeritus: Rev. Anthony Farina **Youth Coord.:** Becky Towne
Admin. Coord.: Shelly Krahn **Dir. of Christian Ed:** Julie Francis
Parish Nurse: Valerie Duer (924-8265) **Dir. of Music:** Georgene Antos
Choir Dir.: Jon Gilliland **Custodians:** Dave Hoddel & Robin Fink
Church Office: 120 Sheboygan St., FdL (920)921-8605
Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. www.salemchurch.com

This Week at Salem

SUN., October 9

9:00 am Worship-F
 9:30 am Sunday School-L
 10:15 am Sunday School-F
 10:45 am Worship-L
 11:30 am Family Ministry
 Crop Walk Lunch-F
 12:30 pm Crop Register-Begins 1:00
 6:00 pm Disciple 1-F

MON., October 10

9:00 am Pie Making thru 4:00-F
 5:30 pm Finance-F
 6:30 pm Leadership Development-F

TUES., October 11

9:00 am Pie Making thru 12:00-F
 10:30 am Staff Meeting-F
 12:10 pm Books Between Bites-F

WED., October 12

9:00 am Pie Making thru 8:00-F
 10:00 am Bible Study-F
 12:05 pm Prayer Service-F

(Wednesday continued)

6:00 pm 1st Yr. Confirmation-F
 7:00 pm Choir-F

THURS., October 13

9:00 am Pie Making thru 8:00-F
 6:00 pm Bible Study-F
 6:00 pm Circle of Love-F

FRI., October 14

9:00 am Pie Making thru 5:00-F
 Apple Harvest Festival Setup

SAT., October 15

7:00 am Preparations Begin
 Apple Harvest
 9:00 am Apple Harvest Festival
 through 3:00pm
 5:30 pm Worship-F

SUN., October 16

9:00 am Worship-F
 9:30 am Sunday School-L
 10:15 am Sunday School-F
 10:45 am Worship-L