

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

First United Methodist Church Green Bay

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THIS WEEK'S SERMON | BRUCE FENNER

The Center of Your Soul

Whoever you are, wherever you are from, you are welcome here.

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in F-sharp minor (Bux WV 146)

Dietrich Buxtehude

Choral Introit

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Johann G. Nægeli

Welcome

*Call to Worship (based on litany by Lisa Hancock)

L: Sisters and Brothers in Christ, why have we gathered here today?

C: We have come to worship God, who is the maker of us all!

L: What do we seek from God?

C: We seek God's wisdom to guide us and show us how to live

*Congregational Hymn #529

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

Announcements for the Community

Scripture Reading – Psalm 31:1-5, 19-24

- ¹ In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.
- ² Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.
- ³ You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me;
- ⁴ take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.
- ⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
- ¹⁹ O how abundant is your goodness
that you have laid up for those who fear you
and accomplished for those who take refuge in you,
in the sight of everyone!
- ²⁰ In the shelter of your presence you hide them
from human plots;
you hold them safe under your shelter
from contentious tongues.
- ²¹ Blessed be the LORD,
for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me
when I was beset as a city under siege.
- ²² I had said in my alarm,
"I am driven far^[a] from your sight."
But you heard my supplications
when I cried out to you for help.
- ²³ Love the LORD, all you his saints.
The LORD preserves the faithful
but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily.
- ²⁴ Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the LORD.

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Ministry of Music
Sonata for Flute

Benedetto Marcello

Our Time of Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Offering our Tithes and Offerings to God

Offertory

Melody in G Major

Alexandre Guilmant

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Prayer of Dedication

Congregational Hymn #2128

Come and Find the Quiet Center

BEACH SPRING

Scripture Reading – Matthew 7:24-27

²⁴ “Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. ²⁵ The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

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Choral Anthem

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov

Sermon

The Center of Your Soul

*Congregational Hymn #368
My Hope Is Built

THE SOLID ROCK

*Benediction and Sending Forth

Choral Benediction
Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name

John Ellerton

Postlude
Toccata on "How Firm A Foundation"

Craig Phillips

Thank you to **Judy Patefield** for sponsoring today's Altar Flowers
in celebration of her Grandchildren's birthdays.



Thank you to **Russ and Sandy Meyer** for sponsoring Coffee Fellowship!
For the love of our church!

New Member Sunday, 8:45 AM - September 22, 2024

If you are interested in joining our church, please see Lina Green or Pastor Steve Polster.

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Come and Find the Quiet Center

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My Hope Is Built

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How Firm a Foundation

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1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
 3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
 4. "When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 I'll strength - en and help thee, and cause thee to stand
 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

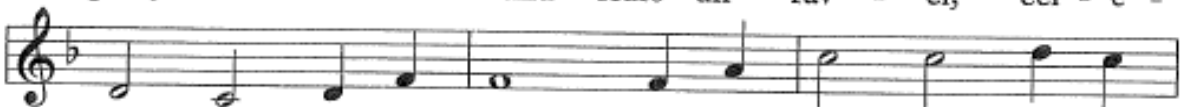
2128 Come and Find the Quiet Center



1. Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd-ed life we
2. Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the
3. In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's



lead, find the room for hope to en - ter, find the
 pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our
 pain, let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e -



frame where we are freed: Clear the cha - os and the
 be - ing, touch-es base, mak - ing space with - in our
 brate the space we gain: There's a place for deep - est



clut - ter, clear our eyes that we can see all the
 think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun, rais - ing
 dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care, in the



things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.
 cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.
 Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare.

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray
 MUSIC: Attr. to B. F. White

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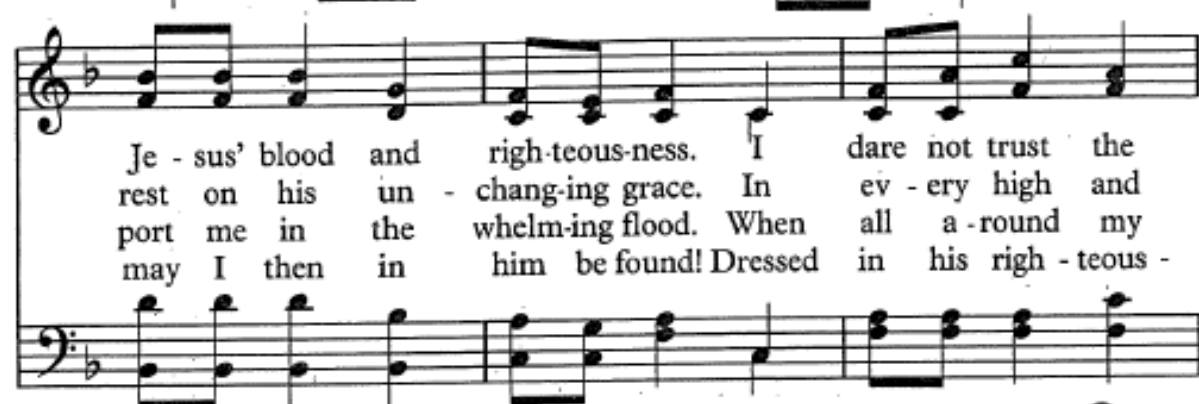
Join us Monday, September 23, 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Pizza Ranch East Green Bay for a fundraising event benefitting KenyaHELP Inc. scholarship fund. 10% from Dine In and Carryout sales and tips, during this event will be donated to KenyaHELP. We look forward to seeing you!

My Hope Is Built

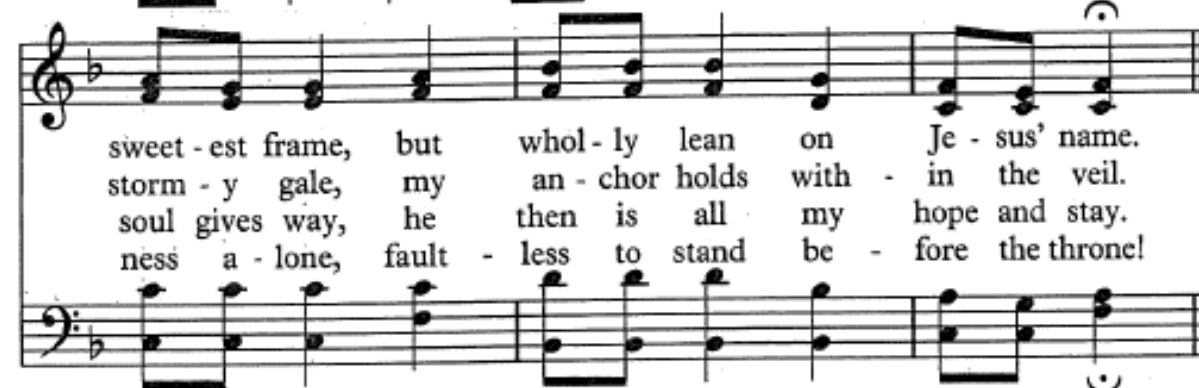
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1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup -
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O

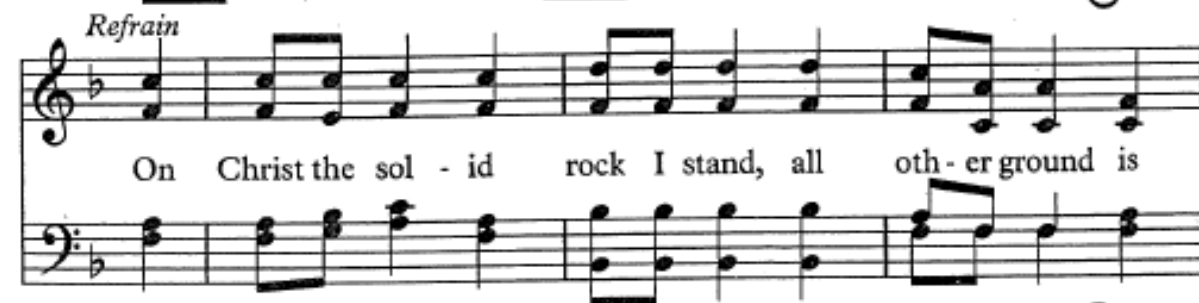


Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness. I dare not trust the
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace. In ev - ery high and
 port me in the whelm - ing flood. When all a - round my
 may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righ - teous -

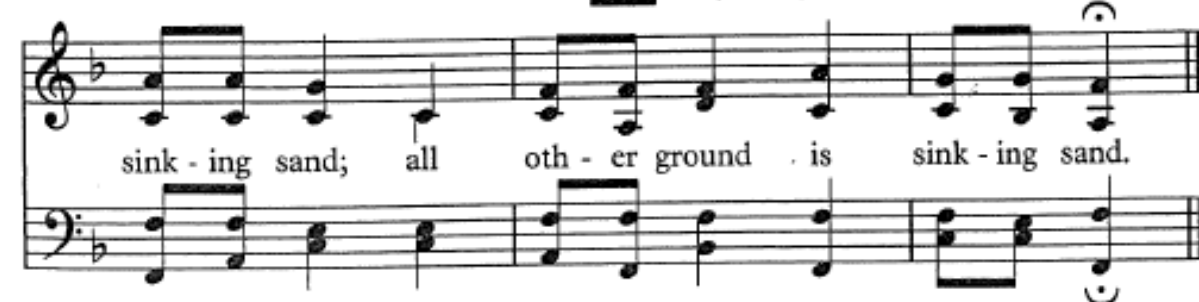


sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ the sol - id rock I stand, all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

SEPTEMBER LOOSE COIN: PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP



Our Loose Coin Offering for the month of **September** will go to support the **Cooper Schroeder Scholarship** for our **First Preschool**.

Your loose coin offering and any designated gifts will help a child get a head start on not only their "ABC's", but their "God Loves Me's."

We offer a **quality** preschool program in a **Christian atmosphere** here at First United Methodist Church. There are children in our neighborhood and in our congregation who would not be able to attend a Christian Preschool, were it not for the help of scholarships.

Contact **Emily** at eraduechel@fumcgb.org with questions!

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FOR MORE
INFORMATION



WELCOME BRUCE FENNER

Bruce Fenner is a retired United Methodist clergy member of the Wisconsin Conference. He served pastorates in Monroe, Green Bay, St. Paul, and Oshkosh Wesley before entering service as a chaplain with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. He retired from the Bureau of Prisons as the Deputy Chief of Chaplains in Washington DC in 2010, and then became the UMC's Endorsing agent overseeing the denominations 1700 plus chaplains and pastoral counselors serving in specialized ministry.

Upon retirement from church service, Bruce and his wife Chris moved to **Egg Harbor, Wisconsin** in the winter of 2018. Bruce spent 4 seasons working at Cana Island where he took great delight in telling the stories of the lighthouse, shipwrecks, and the interesting characters who lived and worked on Lake Michigan. He currently works part time at Wisconsin Cheese Masters selling cheese and entertaining customers through the humor of his cheese puns.

Welcome him this morning as **our guest preacher** here at First United Methodist Church!

IMPORTANT UPDATES OF THE (ALB) ACCOUNTABLE LEADERSHIP BOARD

ALB MEMBERS - Kathy Nelson - Board Chair

Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

- Judy Patefield - Committee Chair
- Kathy Hardtke
- Sandy Meyer
- Dave Zochert

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- Julie Van Klooster

Finance Committee

- Dave Hemstreet
- Leah Gaworek - Lay Leader, Member of Annual Conference
- John Dykema

Communications Committee

- Amy Ashwood
- Shelly Jorgensen

The church family is encouraged to direct **individual questions** to any of the Board members or send an email to **ALB@fumcgb.org**.



FILL A SHOEBOX!

Operation Christmas Child | Samaritan's Purse

We are nearing that time of year again, friends! See the list below for gift ideas and more for the children. Drop them off at church in the Gathering Area!

WOW GIRL ITEMS:

- Dolls
- Stuffed animals
- Large toys

WOW BOY ITEMS:

- Stuffed animals
- Large toys
- Sport items

DO NOT INCLUDE ITEMS:

Food, candy, gum, toothpaste, used items, anything war themed/camouflage, liquids, medications, money, matches/fire starter, and pocket knives/razors.

EITHER GENDER ITEMS:

- Combs
- Hair brushes
- Tooth brushes
- Fun bandages
- Nail clippers
- T Shirts
- Undergarments
- Socks
- Hats
- Sunglasses
- Flashlights
- Watches
- Flip Flops



AROUND THE TABLE

All congregation members are invited on **Wednesday, September 18 at 5:30 PM** to share dinner and fellowship to **inform our Leadership Board** and other staff of their hopes for the future of our church.

"For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, through many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us."

Romans 12:4-6

Think about your answers to these questions so we can hear you best!

What's on your mind?

What's on your heart?

What are your dreams for First Church?

We look forward to hearing from you!



Attention Gardeners

Any extra fresh produce is greatly appreciated by our Goodwill Place Food Pantry clients. Please drop off your produce on Sunday after service or on Tuesday's at the pantry by 9:00 AM. Thank you for your generosity.

First Quilters and Fiber Artists - September 2024 Schedule

Saturday - September 21 - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

We meet in Room Z120 of the Ziemer Building, and newcomers are always welcome!

Never quilted? Come and give it a try. We'll help you get started.

Questions: Call Wanda Kruse or Debbie La Violette-Spevacek

Days for Girls Event – Our Days for Girls workshop is Saturday, September 28th, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM in rooms Z120 and Z121 in the Ziemer Building. Come at 9:00 AM if you can help set up. Brenda and her team have tasks for all skill levels. Cutting, sewing, serging, threading ribbon, assembling kits and other tasks. If you can, please bring a sewing machine or serger. This workshop is a great way to spend time making a difference and connecting with other people who also have a desire to help others. If you come, we'll put you to work! If you want to find out more about this amazing international organization, check out their website: <https://www.daysforgirls.org/> If anyone would like to contribute, but can't attend, we always have need of cotton panties. Girl's sizes 14-18 and women's sizes 4-10

Days for Girls, an international organization, works to eliminate the stigma and limitations associated with menstruation so that women and girls have improved health, education and livelihoods. To date, we have reached over 3 million women and girls with our life-changing menstrual health solutions.

Invitation to Join the Bell Choir

Would you like to experience the joy of ringing handbells? Would you like to join a group of fun and caring ringers? Would you like to help provide beautiful music for worship services? If yes, you should consider joining the Bell Choir!

We are in the process of restructuring our Bell Choir. If you are interested to be part of this exciting time with the Bell Choir, please contact Jeff Verkuilen by emailing him at jverkuilen@fumcgb.org or calling him at 920-609-4483. (Ringing handbells can be a great experience for family members to do together!)

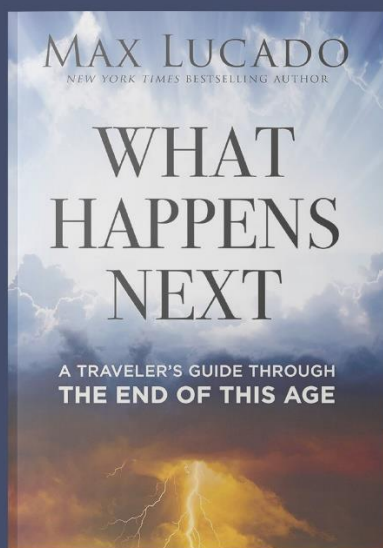
NEW COMMUNITY SHELTER

We will serve at the NEW Shelter on **Tuesday, September 24** and **Tuesday, October 22**.

We will **NOT** serve at the NEW Shelter in November or December. After many years of service to the NEW Shelter and organizing our team, Kate Muscavitch will be **stepping down** at the end of 2024.

We are searching for someone who will oversee regular monthly service night beginning in **January 2025**. We always prepare and serve the meal on the **fourth Tuesday** of each month.

If you would be interested, please see Lina Green or contact her at lgreen@fumcgb.org.



BOOKS BETWEEN BITES

September 11 at 12:00 PM: "What Happens Next" by Max Lucado, discussion led by Lina Green

Are we living in the end times? If so, what does that mean for you? In contrast to the confusion and anxiety that often comes with this topic, Max Lucado believes God wants us to be prepared, not scared; informed but not intimidated, He writes, "The future is not frightening if you know the future. And you can know the future when you know who holds it."

Group meets most Wednesdays, at 12:00 PM. Bring your lunch if you want! Books and reading plans will be available in the office, for \$15 at the first meeting.

Prayer Requests

The printed last name option is only available to individuals who are requesting a prayer for himself or herself and/or immediate family.

CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER:

Amanda
Amber Jolie
Amira Rynish
Amy
Amy W
Andrew & Family
Anthony
April
Audrey Crosby
Beth
Betty Birzer
Bev Coulter
Bev Gilsoul
Bob Konop
Bonny Dolan
Branch Benton
Brett
Brody
Brooke
Bruce Guillaume
Carlyn
Carolle Jaklin
Caroline
Charles Schroeder
Dan Burger & Family
Danielle, Mitch & Twins
Dave Prosser
Dawn Auteman
Diane McNeill
Don Dupart
Don Keppers
Edgar Colt
Elsie H
Gary Schultz
Gerri Mandich
Gladys Somers

Glenda Burdick
Gracie W
Gracie Oberneder
Greg Cooley Family
Jack
Jane Houle
Janice Nys-Martin
Jasmine
Jean
Jeanette Eskridge
Jeanie
Jeff
Jeff Green
Jodi
John
John Brzozowski
John Mortonson
John & Jolie King
Karen
Karla
Kayla Plummer
Kelly
Ken
Kirchner Family
Krissy
Lenard Turner
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Lisa Malmberg
Lyle
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Mary Hofmann
Mary Joe Solie
Mary Jones
Mary Vander Woude
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Neil
Nicole
Noah
Novak Family
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Payten
Rhonda
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