



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN

August 20, 2023

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

What does the Lord require of you? To do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly. - Micah 6:8

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

For those with prayer requests, please fill out a pink card in the pew and give it to an usher during the opening hymn.

GATHERING

Prelude	"Amazing Grace"	Tom Ajack, guitar 19 th Century American Melody
Welcome		Rev. Susan Bresser
*Hymn	"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"	Red book 121, verses 1, 2
*Call to Worship		Rev. Amy Celikay
*Hymn	"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"	Red book 121, verses 3, 4
<i>Children are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn.</i>		

Words for God's Children

Musical Response	"La Fille aux Cheveux de Lin" <i>David Dancey Scholarship Winner</i>	Lauren Kubiak, Piano by Claude Debussy
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A Time of Prayer

THE WORD

Musical Setting for Scripture	"Thy Word"	by Michael W. Smith
The Gospel of Jesus Christ	Matthew 15:21-28 (NRSV)	Tony Casciato
Contemporary Message	"Overcome Barriers"	Rev. Susan Bresser
Hymn	"Wounded World that Cries for Healing"	Black book 2177, verses 1, 2

RESPONSE

Building Partner Update	Jodie LaChapelle, Program Director of Getting Ahead	
Ministry Moment	Rev. Amy Celikay	
Invitation		
Offertory	"Freely, Freely"	Tom Ajack, guitar by Carol Owens
*Doxology		
*Prayer of Dedication		
*Hymn	"Freely, Freely"	Red book 389, verses 1, 2
*Benediction		Rev. Susan Bresser
Postlude	"Postlude in D" <i>(A time for reflection.)</i>	John Sheaffer, organ by Healey Willan


Prepare for worship next Sunday by reading Matthew 16:13-20.

**Indicates standing if able.*

FUMC worship services are broadcasted in livestream, recorded for later access, and posted to FUMC's social media accounts.
By entering the sanctuary, all participants waive any claim related to the capture or transmission of their participation.

Flowers donated by Tim Sears, in honor of his parents, Ted and Jerrye Sears.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Living Faith Today** - Looks at current events through the lens of our faith and explores how what we believe relates to the world around us. **Today: "Barbenheimer" Hits Theaters, Inspiring Introspection About Barbie Dolls and Bombs".**
- **Children/Youth Ministry** paddleboarding/kayaking/canoeing (but everyone is welcome)! Following worship **today**, we will head to the Fox River Park for launching, and will float down to Vernon Marsh. Lunch will be packed to enjoy on the river. Please see Joe Rodriguez, with any questions.
- **UMCOR Disaster Relief Concert** - Bill Peterson will be performing acoustic cover songs and original music at Mama D's in Wales on Saturday August 26. 100% of all proceeds from this 7th annual benefit concert will support disaster response through UMCOR. Mama D's is located at 104 W. Main St in Wales. Music will be shared from 11am-1pm. If you'd like to donate but cannot attend the concert, please contact Bill Peterson (bTpSongs@gmail.com). 
- **Noisy Offering: Lunch Box Edition**- Did you know over 13 million kids go hungry in the U.S. each day? For some students, school is the only time they can rely on a safe space and a meal. We are partnering with Hillcrest Elementary to collect your spare change and dollar bills to put toward student meal vouchers. Some families can't always afford the food fees, yet don't qualify for the free lunch program. So, bring your change to worship on August 27 as the FUMC youth pass around lunch boxes so we can help make sure kids are able to eat well this school year.
- **Yarn Twisters** will gather for a fall kick-off, Tuesday August 29, 9:30 - 11:30am, room 209. Come join us and see what we do. You are welcome to pick up supplies for your fall projects even if you cannot join us.
- **You are invited to be part of the music ministry at FUMC.** On Wednesday, September 6, Tower Bells and the Chancel Choir will begin rehearsals again. Pastor Susan has remarked that the music ministry at First Church is part of its DNA - it has been for many decades, and you are invited to become a part of that ministry. Tower Bells rehearsals begin at 6:15 and Chancel Choir begins at 7:30 in the 3rd floor music room. There is no requirement to participate beyond your desire to enhance your own worship and that of the congregation through music. Both organizations are vibrant and welcoming, so I ask you to please consider this invitation. If you have questions, please contact Greg Carpenter at grcarp@sbcglobal.net.
- **A Celebration of Life for Barb Nickels** will take place on Saturday, September 9, at FUMC. Visitation: 9:30 – 11am, Asbury Room. The service will begin at 11am in the sanctuary. Lunch will follow the service in the downstairs dining room.
- **Kick-Off Sunday, September 10** - You are invited to wear your favorite team colors (or jersey) to worship and join in the celebration following in the Asbury Room as we kick off the year of Christian Education and Discipleship. Tailgating treats will be available! Because we are celebrating who we are as members of FUMC's 'team', we will also be highlighting our ministry areas and ministry teams during the fellowship time.
- **Sunday School Shepherds and Mentors** - We are looking for volunteers to shepherd and mentor children and youth in our Forming Faith (Sunday school) program. If interested, please contact Joe or Niki Rodriguez, (bigjoerodrigu@gmail.com). Forming Faith will 'kick off' on Sunday, September 10, with a reunion and reengagement for children, youth and their families. Classes will begin on Sunday, September 17.
- **Meet Me in the Middle** - FUMC is looking for volunteers to help coordinate this once-a-month community connection with El Sistema, one of FUMC's Building Partners. Specifically, El Sistema is asking for a meal and a service project once a month for 6 months (October – April), 6-8pm, at the church. FUMC would provide the food and the peoplepower. El Sistema leadership is willing to "start small" with desserts, if providing a full meal is too difficult. El Sistema's mission is to introduce the joy of music by providing affordable string music education for children. If interested in learning more about Meet Me in the Middle, contact Cheryl Printz (cheryl.printz@fumcwaukesha.org). 
- **We appreciate your ongoing financial support of FUMC's mission and ministry.** You can access our giving through the website or app. Scan the QR code on the right to be directed to our giving page!

Forming Faith Today

Nursery

Infant - 3 yr. old, Room 221

Living Faith Today

Room 216

Sunday School and Youth Group will meet again next month.

First United Methodist Church of Waukesha is a Reconciling Congregation. All are welcome here.

For more information: visit fumcwaukesha.org/announcements.