



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN

100

September 3, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

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

GATHERING

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| Prelude | "Change My Heart O God" | Tom Ajack, guitar by Eddie Espinosa |
| Welcome | | Rev. Susan Bresser |
| *Hymn | "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" | Red Book 383, verses 1, 2 |
| *Call to Worship | | Rev. Amy Celikay |
| *Hymn | "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" | Red Book 383, verses 3, 4 |
| Call to Reconciliation | | |
| Prayer of Confession | | |
| Assurance of Pardon | | |
| Hymn | "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" | Red Book 383, verse 5 |

THE WORD

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| Musical Setting for Scripture | "Thy Word" | by Michael W. Smith |
| The Word of God | Romans 12: 9a, 11-12 (the Message), Matthew 16:21-28 (NRSV) | Mary Winkelman |
| Contemporary Message | "The Tension of Discipleship" | Rev. Susan Bresser |

RESPONSE

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| Sacrament of Holy Communion | Rev. Susan Bresser and Rev. Amy Celikay | |
| | "Table of Plenty" Tom Ajack, guitar by Dan Schutte | |
| Prayer of Thanksgiving | | |
| Ministry Moment | | |
| *Hymn | "Go Forth for God" Red Book 670 | |
| *Benediction | | |
| Postlude | "Prelude in G" (A time for reflection.) | John Sheaffer, organ by J.S. Bach |

Prepare for worship next Sunday by reading Romans 12:9a, 14-16, Matthew 18:15-20.

Flowers from Polly Walgren, in memory of her parents and grandparents.

****Indicates standing if able***

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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: "Man Praised for Helping Two Women He Didn't Know Escape From Maui Wildfire"** in Room 216 after worship.
- **In honor of Labor Day**, the church office will be closed, Monday, September 4.
- **Lutheran Social Services Refugee Resettlement** – We have struggled to secure housing for over a year but are happy to report that LSS has obtained housing for more refugees. Our FUMC co-sponsorship team will begin our efforts by furnishing 1 or 2 apartments for the refugee families and kick-off our "Giving Tree" Missions Drive, September 10-30. There will be sign-ups available for specific household, personal care items and larger furniture items (new or gently used) and quantities (specific measurements) needed. If you have questions, please contact Anjana Jones (akjones6@gmail.com) or Dirk Wilken (dwilken1@wi.rr.com).
- **You are invited to be part of the music ministry at FUMC.** On Wednesday, September 6, Tower Bells and Chancel Choir will begin rehearsals. Tower Bells rehearsals begin at 6:15pm and Chancel Choir begins at 7:30pm 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. If you have questions, please contact Greg Carpenter (grcarp@sbcglobal.net).
- **The XYZ (Xtra Years of Zest) Retreat** with Philip Chard will be held at Pine Lake Camp, September 17-19. The theme is Realistic Optimism – Meeting the Emotional and Spiritual Challenges of Trying Times. Signup and payment are due on September 6. XYZ Potluck and Programs will kick off on Thursday, October 12 at 11:45am in the downstairs dining room. The program will be presented by First Impressions, a theatrical performance about Mary Todd Lincoln.
- **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** - We are looking for volunteers to shepherd and mentor children and youth in our Forming Faith (Sunday school) program. If interested, please contact Joe & 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.
- **Creative Pals** will meet on Saturday, September 23, 10am-4pm, Rm 209. Creative Pals is an opportunity to have some dedicated time to work on your craft project. This group gets together once a month. If you have questions or if you plan on coming, please contact JoAnn Wright (giovanna.wright@sbcglobal.net) or Lori Tompkins (mjtompkins@centurytel.net).
- FUMC-Waukesha is seeking an energetic and enthusiastic candidate to fill the position of part-time **Intergenerational Ministry Coordinator**. This position is responsible for coordinating ministry opportunities with an emphasis on Christian education for all ages. For a description of job responsibilities and required qualifications, visit the church website or call the office. For interested candidates, send a completed application (download available on website) to the SPRC at gerhards615@yahoo.com or mail to the church office, Attn: SPRC, 121 Wisconsin Ave, Waukesha WI 53186.
- **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** - Join Pastor Susan 9:30-11am, Rm 216. No need to sign up. Bring your favorite Bible, an open mind, and a willingness to listen to a variety of theological perspectives. Please use the West entrance.
- **United Methodist Childrens Services 60th Anniversary Open House** - Thursday, September 21, 5:30-7:30pm, UMCS Community Room, 3910 W. Lisbon Ave., Milwaukee. For information, call UMCS: 414-344-1818.
- **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

Living Faith Today

Sunday School and Youth Group will meet September 17.

Infant - 3 yr. old, Room 221

Room 216