



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN

July 30, 2023

Nineth 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	"Fairest Lord Jesus"	John Sheaffer, organ by Frederick Swann
Welcome		Rev. Susan Bresser
*Hymn	"Sing of the Lord's Goodness"	Green book 3010, verses 1, 2
*Call to Worship		Tom Taft
*Hymn	"Sing of the Lord's Goodness"	Green book 3010, 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	"Lead Me, Guide Me"	Mike and Melanie Jipson by Doris Akers

A Time of Prayer

THE WORD

Musical Setting for Scripture	"Thy Word"	by Michael W. Smith
The Gospel of Jesus Christ	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (NRSV)	Tom Taft
Contemporary Message	"See the Sacred in the Ordinary"	Rev. Susan Bresser

RESPONSE

Ministry Moment	Tom Taft	
Invitation		
Offertory	"The Longer I Serve Him"	John Sheaffer, piano by Fred Bock
*Doxology		
*Prayer of Dedication		
*Hymn	"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"	Black book 2241
*Benediction		Rev. Susan Bresser
Postlude	"Nearer, Still Nearer" (A time for reflection.)	John Sheaffer, organ by Jason Payne

Prepare for worship next Sunday by reading Matthew 14:13-21.

**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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome Pastor Amy Celikay** - Please remember to wear your nametag! This will help Pastor Amy immensely!
- **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: "Personalities of Some Change as We Age"** in Room 216 after worship.
- **FUMC is collecting eyeglasses and hearing aids** through the month of July. The collection box is located in the hallway by the west entrance. The Lions Club collects used eyeglasses to help children and adults in developing countries. Used hearing aids are collected, recycled, and donated to individuals who are unable to afford to buy them.
- **Summer Book Study**- Join in some thought-provoking reading and discussion. Please acquire and read the book, *Take This Bread: A Radical Conversion* by Sara Miles, before the discussion. Sign up in the Asbury Room or on the church website. If you need help obtaining a book, please contact Jenny (jennydaugherty@gmail.com). We will meet on **Zoom, Monday, July 31, 6:30-8pm** or in person: **Tuesday, August 1, 6:30-8pm**.
- **Garden and Home Tour** – With gratitude for your care and support of FUMC, John Sheaffer and Tim Baack invite members and friends of FUMC to a garden party and tour of their Victorian home on Sunday, August 13, Noon - 4pm. The grand home, built in 1890 by Victor Schlitz, the nephew of beer baron, Joseph Schlitz, has been restored and nearly all furnishings are from the Victorian era. 2004 W. Highland Ave., Milwaukee.
- **The FUMC Pathfinders lunch making group** took the month of July off. (The Magoon Family delivered homemade lunches to Pathfinders on July 6th, so no one went hungry!) Stay tuned for a special "Pathfinders Lunch Making: The After Dark Edition" in August -- for those of you who want to help with lunches but can't make it during the daytime -- this is your opportunity!
- **Creative Pals** is taking the summer off. We will resume in September. Have a great summer!
- **XYZ (Xtra Years of Zest)** will not meet during the summer months but will start up again in September.
- **A retreat sponsored by XYZ** will be held at Pine Lake United Methodist Camp from September 17-19, 2023. Philip Chard will be the guest leader with the theme of Realistic Optimism: Meeting the Emotional and Spiritual Challenges of Trying Times. There will be a table outside the Asbury Room for more information as well as the opportunity to sign up for this very special event, the first retreat since 2019.
- **Agrace Hospice Volunteers Needed in Waukesha County.** Volunteers are needed to make companionship visits to local hospice care patients. No health care experience is needed. Schedules are flexible, and free training is provided. Contact Agrace at (608) 327-7163 or visit agrace.org/volunteer.
- 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.
- **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 in the fall.