



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN



November 12, 2023

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am

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	"How Great Thou Art"	Tom Ajack, guitar Swedish Hymn
Welcome		Rev. Susan Bresser
*Hymn	"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"	Red book 139, verses 1, 5
*Call to Worship	<i>see blue sheet</i>	Revs. Amy Celikay and Susan Bresser
*Hymn	"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"	Red book 400
	<i>Children are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn.</i>	
Words for God's Children		Niki Rodriguez
Musical Response	"Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone" Kris Totzke, alto and Tom Ajack, guitar	Chancel Choir, Tower Bells Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio
A Time of Prayer		

THE WORD

Musical Setting for Scripture	"Thy Word"	by Michael W. Smith
The Word of God	Psalm 118:1, 21-24, 29, Lamentations 3:22-23, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NRSV)	Rev. Jacob Werkheiser
Contemporary Message	"GRATEFUL: A Call to the Grateful Way"	Rev. Susan Bresser

RESPONSE

Stewardship Witness	the Roberts Family	
Ministry Moment	Rev. Amy Celikay	
Invitation		
Offertory	"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (Nettleton)	Tom Ajack, guitar
*Doxology		
*Prayer of Dedication	<i>see blue sheet</i>	
*Hymn	"Giving God, We Pause and Wonder"	see screen by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
*Benediction		Rev. Susan Bresser
Postlude	"Toccata on 'Amazing Grace'" (A time for reflection.)	John Sheaffer, organ by Christopher Pardini

Prepare for worship next Sunday by reading Jeremiah 2:25, Exodus 20:8-10.

*Flowers donated in honor of Mailen Fingland achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.
Congratulations! All our Love, Mom, Dad & Lawson.*

**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

- **Book Discussion** – *Grateful* by Diana Butler Bass in Rm 216 after worship. **Living Faith Today** will resume next Sunday, November 19.
- Church & Society will sell **Fair Trade organic coffee and chocolate TODAY** immediately after worship in the Asbury Room. Please stop by to check out our inventory. We accept cash and checks to FUMC ("Fair Trade" in memo line).
- FUMC recently switched newsletter building sites. Due to this, some have been receiving e-blasts, service reminders and the Tower Chimes in their junk/spam folder. If you have not received any emails from FUMC, please check your junk folder and move the email to your inbox to ensure future emails will be received. Call the office if you continue to have issues.
- "To be grateful in these days is an act of resistance, of resilience, of renewal." - Diana Butler Bass, *Grateful*. The Stewardship Team hopes that our thoughtful consideration to being grateful in this season has inspired and renewed you. As we conclude our campaign - *Grateful* - **don't forget to complete your 2024 pledge form and drop it in the mail, the offering plate or the container outside the church office by Sunday, November 12.** Thanks for choosing to be grateful!
- **The Secret Angel Gift Shop** is starting to collect donations. The shop will be stocked with affordable gift items, most donated by FUMC members. Prices range from .25-\$5.00. Shoppers include our church youth, Healing Hearts (all gifts are free), ACAP, and some students with special needs from an area school. To donate, drop off new or gently used items in a marked bin that will be in the hallway. A list of high demand items is available on the bulletin board in the hallway. Any questions, contact Debbie Blum (dblum4@wi.rr.com).
- Yarn Twisters will be meeting Tuesday November 14 in room 209 from 9:30 to 11:30. Come join us we would be glad to teach you how to crochet or knit. All are welcome.
- **Hanging of the Greens:** On Sunday, **November 26**, following the worship service, help us decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. Pizza will be served. This is a time to enjoy food and fellowship and help prepare our worship space for the celebrations of Advent and Christmas.
- **Circle of Sisters** – Monday, November 27, 7pm, room 216. We will continue discussing *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans with Jeff Chu. This gathering will be offered in a hybrid format, so you are welcome to join in-person or Zoom. Call the church office if you need the Zoom link.
- **FUMC's annual Church Conference** will be held on Tuesday, **November 28** at 6:30pm in the Asbury Room. An invitation is made to all members and friends to be present as we attend to the business of the Church. A light supper will be served, reports will be received, salaries will be established for the pastors, the ministry of FUMC will be evaluated, and our faith community will be celebrated. Rev. Dr. John Farmer will preside.
- **Is there a hungry "Cookie Monster" in your family?** On Saturday, December 9, 9am – until all cookies are sold, United Women in Faith will sponsor the annual Christmas Cookie Walk. This is your opportunity to treat the "Cookie Monster" in your home to a wide variety of Christmas treats. Proceeds support the United Women in Faith missions. Help make this All-Church event a success. Cookies can be brought to the Dining Room starting Friday, December 8, 8:30-3:00 or before 8:00am on Saturday, December 9. If you have questions or want to volunteer, call Lynn Cummisford (262-549-1431) or see Lynn or Terri Woerpel in the narthex.
- **Would you like to bake your Christmas cookies at church?** Join Helen Melzl in the dining room kitchen on November 27 and 28, 9am – 1pm. Call Helen Melzl (262-662-2338).
- **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 Pastor Amy (amy.celikay@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
Grateful Discussion
Sunday School
Youth Group
Confirmation
Men's Breakfast

Infant - 3 yr. old, Room 221
Room 216
Fellowship Hall
Room 211
Room 213
Dining Room

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