



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN

August 13, 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**

<b>Prelude</b>	"Wade in the Water"	FUMC Combo arr. John Carter
<b>Welcome</b>		Rev. Susan Bresser
<b>*Hymn</b>	"Wade in the Water"	Black book 2107, verses 1, 2
<b>*Call to Worship</b>		Rev. Amy Celikay
<b>*Hymn</b>	"Wade in the Water"	Black book 2107, verses 3, 4
<i>Children are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn.</i>		

**Words for God's Children**

<b>Musical Response</b>	"Fantasia 2 in A Minor" David Dancey Scholarship Winner	Mari Cortez, Flute by Georg Philipp Telemann
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**A Time of Prayer**

**THE WORD**

<b>Musical Setting for Scripture</b>	"Thy Word"	by Michael W. Smith
<b>The Gospel of Jesus Christ</b>	Matthew 14:22-33 (CEB)	Nanc Ihrcke
<b>Contemporary Message</b>	"Be Encouraged"	Rev. Susan Bresser

**RESPONSE**

<b>Building Partner Update</b>	Melissa Minkley, Executive Director of Healing Hearts	
<b>Ministry Moment</b>	Rev. Amy Celikay	
<b>Invitation</b>		
<b>Offertory</b>	"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"	Red book 474, verses 1-3
<b>*Doxology</b>		
<b>*Prayer of Dedication</b>		
<b>*Hymn</b>	"When the Waves Are Crashing"	Green book 3144, verses 1, 2, 1
<b>*Benediction</b>	Rev. Susan Bresser	
<b>Postlude</b>	"Fantasy on 'Foundation'" (A time for reflection.)	John Sheaffer, organ by Alice Jordan

*Combo Members: Kathy Johnson, Piano; Tom Ajack, Guitar; Dan Duffy, Bass; Kent Johnson, Percussion*

*Vocals: Melanie Jipson, Mike Jipson, Jana Otto, Kurt Eisenmann*

*Prepare for worship next Sunday by reading Matthew 15:21-28.*

*\*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 Erin Blum, in celebration of Shannon Blum's birthday.*

## **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: "Blacks 'Developed' Skills Thanks to Enslavement, Says Florida Board of Education".**
- **Garden and Home Tour – TODAY**, John Sheaffer and Tim Baack invite members and friends of FUMC to a garden party and tour of their Victorian home, Noon - 4pm. The grand home, built in 1890 by Victor Schlitz, has been restored and nearly all furnishings are from the Victorian era. 2004 W. Highland Ave., Milwaukee.
- **FUMC Pathfinders lunch making group** - Thank you to the 5 hard-working lunch makers who packed lunches in a record-setting 30 minutes on Tuesday evening! Lunches with 42 lunchmeat sandwiches and 5 vegetarian wraps were made, packed, and delivered to Pathfinders of Milwaukee. Thanks to the FUMC family for your on-going support with donations of food items and monetary support. Your care makes such a difference!
- **Children/Youth Ministry** paddleboarding/kayaking/canoeing (but everyone is welcome)! Following worship on Sunday, August 20, 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. The trip is approximately 6 miles and will take 2/3 hours. Transportation back to Fox River Park will be provided. RSVP Joe Rodriguez: 262.278.8200. We want to make sure we have enough food and enough equipment!
- **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.
- **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](mailto: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.
- **Confirmation Orientation** - Orientation for the 2023-24 Confirmation Class will take place on Sunday, September 10, following worship. Youth in 7th and 8th grades and those in upper grades who have not yet been confirmed will receive registration information and a schedule. Please see Rev. Susan if you have any questions.
- **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](mailto:grcarp@sbcglobal.net).
- **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](mailto: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  
Living Faith Today  
Mens Breakfast  
Fair Trade

*Infant - 3 yr. old, Room 221*  
*Room 216*  
*Dining Room*  
*Asbury Room*

First United Methodist Church of Waukesha is a Reconciling Congregation. All are welcome here.  
For more information: visit [fumcwaukesha.org/announcements](http://fumcwaukesha.org/announcements).

Sunday School and Youth Group will meet again in the fall.