



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN

August 27, 2023

Thirteenth 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	"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"	Tom Ajack, guitar by Martin Luther
Welcome		Rev. Amy Celikay
*Hymn	"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"	see screen
*Call to Worship		Melissa Freiberg
*Hymn	"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"	see screen

Children are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn.

Words for God's Children

Musical Response	"Sweet Hour Of Prayer" Teddy Celikay, trumpet; Veronica Radowicz, piano by William Bradbury, arr. Gary Lanier
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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 16:12-30 (NRSV)	Tom Taft
Contemporary Message	“Be a Rock”	Rev. Amy Celikay
Musical Response	“Abide with Me”	
	Ben Celikay, cello; Teddy Celikay, trumpet; Veronica Radowicz, piano by William H. Monk & Henry Lyte, arr. Tyler Adams	

RESPONSE

Building Partner Update	Sarena Lawrence, Executive Director, El Sistema	
Ministry Moment	Melissa Freiberg	
Invitation		
Offertory	“This is My Father’s World”	Tom Ajack, guitar traditional English melody
*Doxology		
*Prayer of Dedication		
*Hymn	“O Church of God, United”	Red book 547
*Benediction	Layla Jones	
Postlude	"Postlude on 'Hyfrydol'" (A time for reflection.)	John Sheaffer, organ by Gordon Young

Prepare for worship next Sunday by reading Romans 12:9a, 11-12, Matthew 16:21-28.

**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 Cheryl Minor, in honor of Carol and Bob Krause's 74 wedding anniversary.

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: "Do Christians Have the Right to Disregard Any of Jesus' Teachings?"**.
- **Noisy Offering: Lunch Box Edition- TODAY!** Loose coins and bills will support the school lunch program at Hillcrest Elementary. You can also give online or with checks made payable to FUMC.
- **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 starting September 10 which will run to September 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 or Dirk Wilken.
- **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.
- **FUMC will be represented at Carroll University's Student Involvement Fair**, Friday, September 8, 2-5pm. We need 1-2 more volunteers to staff the booth. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and organizations in the community! It will take place outside on Carroll's main lawn. Let the church office know if you are interested in helping!
- **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.
- **Creative Pals** - Fall is fast approaching so it is time to dig out those projects you haven't gotten to all summer and dedicate some time to them. Creative Pals is an opportunity to have some dedicated time to work on whatever project is on your to do list; knitting, crocheting, card making, scrapbooking, or just getting organized on a project. We will begin meeting again on September 23 in Room 209. This group gets together once a month. If you have questions or if you plan on coming, please contact JoAnn Wright or Lori Tompkins.
- **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

Living Faith Today

Infant - 3 yr. old, Room 221

Room 216

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

For more information: visit fumcwaukesha.org/announcements.

Sunday School and Youth Group will meet September 17.