

Waupun United Methodist Church  
February 18, 2024  
Sunday worship – 9:00 a.m.

# GUIDED *to the* CROSS

*Week 1*  
GUIDED TO HOPE



**Welcome to worship.  
May you find the presence of God wherever you are.**

At the \* sign, please stand as you are able.  
**Bold print** = Congregational response

Prelude

Welcome

Musical Call to Worship

**\*Call to Worship**

When Jesus chased the money changers and merchants from the temple, the religious leaders who opposed him asked for a sign of his authority to do such things. Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19). He spoke of the temple of his body. He would be killed and raised to life again on the third day after his death. The sign would be his death and resurrection. The sign would be the cross.

**In a world of confusion and temptation and loss, we look for a sign to guide us.**

As the time of his death drew near, Jesus "set his face to go to Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51). There he would take up his cross for the sake of our salvation. As we follow his path during this Lenten season, the cross stands before us as a marker, a signpost, to guide our steps.

**As Jesus kept his focus on what lay ahead for him, we, too, look to his cross.**

The cross signified a terrible death. Yet through faith in Jesus our Savior, for us the cross is a sign of triumph in the face of death. The cross is a sign of life and hope.

**Lord Jesus, set your cross always before us to guide us to the hope of forgiveness and life that are ours through faith in your name! Amen.**

**\*Opening Song**                      **Black #2032**                      **on supplement**                      **"My Life is in You, Lord"**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**Lord Jesus, as we follow you on your path to the cross, guide our steps in the way of hope. By grace through faith in your holy name, we have forgiveness for our sins and the sure and certain hope of eternal life in your presence. When we are struggling with fear or loss, set your cross before us as a sign of the hope that we have. Lead us to be witnesses for you and to share the hope you bring with everyone we meet, so that they, too, in the power of the Holy Spirit, may come to believe in you and worship you as Lord. Hear our prayer, and accept our praise, dear Savior. Amen.**

Message from/for the Children                      "Signs pointing the way"

Bible Reading                      on supplement                      Jeremiah 14:21-22

Video Reflection                      "Everlasting God"  
Chris Tomlin

Bible Reading                      on supplement                      2 Corinthians 1:9-10

**Hymn**                      **Red #368**                      **on supplement**                      **"My Hope Is Built"**

Bible Reading                      on supplement                      Luke 23:39-43

Pastor's Message                      ""

Tithes and Offerings

**\*Song of Thanksgiving**                      **Black #2036**                      **on supplement**                      **"Give Thanks"**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People**  
**Joys, Praise and Concerns**  
Pastoral Prayer  
**The Lord's Prayer**

Announcements

**\*Closing Hymn** **Red #370** **on supplement** **“Victory In Jesus”**

**\*Blessing/Dismissal** (Romans 8:23-25; Romans 15:13)

We ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?

**But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.**

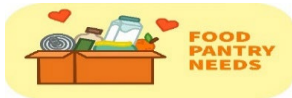
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**Amen.**

Today's Worship Ministers:	<b>All of us - wherever we are</b>
Tech Operators:	Brady Bronson and Val Dolgner
Pianist:	Emma Devries
Worship Leader/Preacher:	Pastor Steve Miller
Counters:	Dan Dolgner and Gary Schulz

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Wednesday, February 21: Soup/Sandwich Supper – 5:15  
Bible study – 6:00  
Choir rehearsal – 7:00 pm



January - Pasta

**INTENSIVE PRAYER LIST**

Lois Bentley Mike Duer Joyce Brown Tammy Kasuboski  
Bob Bradley Ray Dolgner Ryan Giese Jerry Kok  
Dolores Good Marion Dolgner The Confirmation class  
Those impacted by war in Ukraine For peace in the Mideast  
Family and friends of Alice Chase

**Remember our homebound:**

Hillside Manor, Beaver Dam: Joyce Berry  
Prairie Place, Ripon: Elaine Stanton  
Prairie Ridge, Waupun: June Witowich, Betty Buchholz, Phyllis McDowell

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