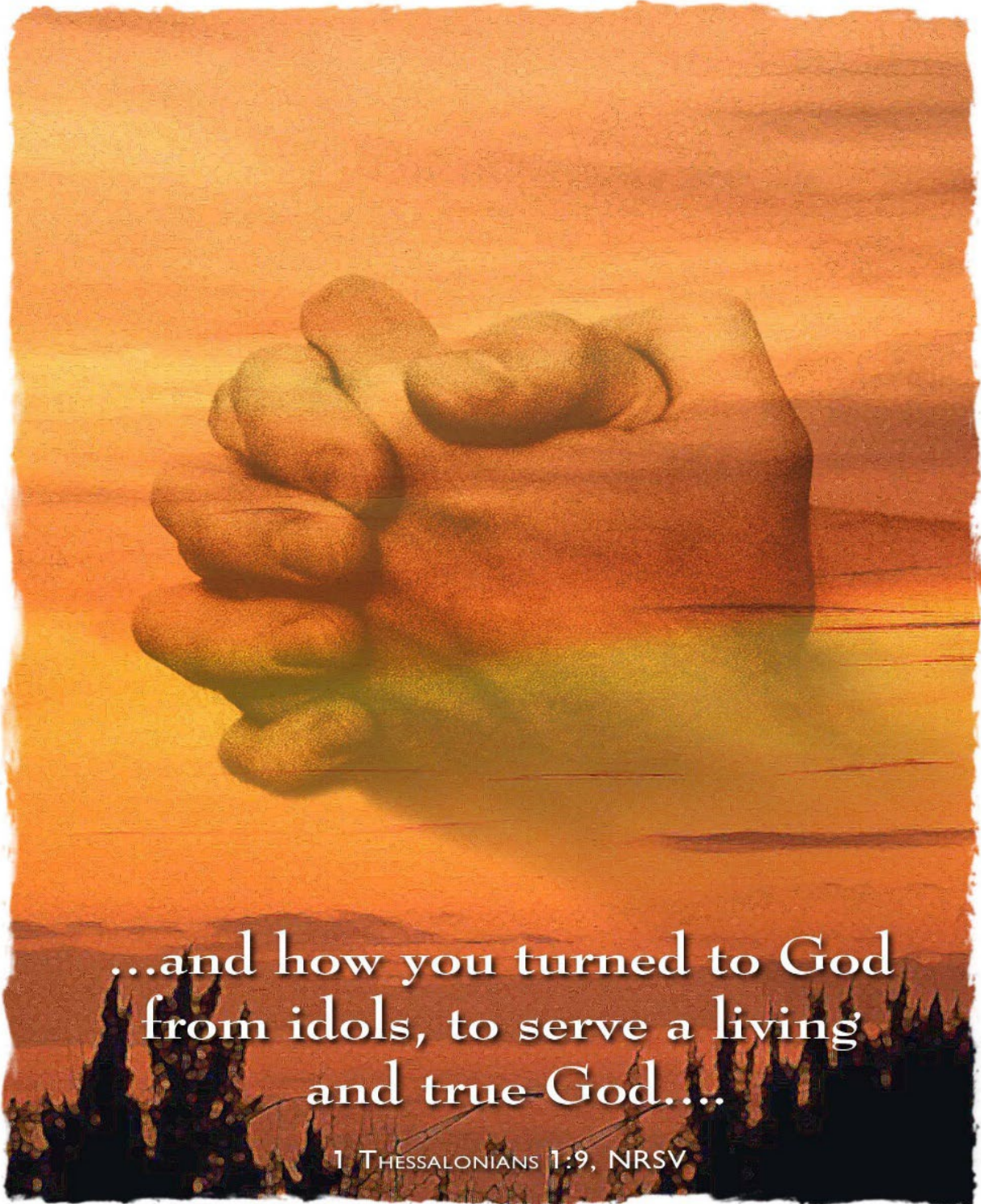


Waupun  
United Methodist Church  
October 22, 2023



...and how you turned to God  
from idols, to serve a living  
and true God....

1 THESSALONIANS 1:9, NRSV

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

**\*Call to Worship**

To live the Christian life is to put our faith into practice through our life style.

**To live the Christian life is to make love a reality in our attitude toward others.**

To live the Christian life is to stand firm in the Christian hope.

**May God fill us with his Spirit, enabling us to live the Christian life!**

**\*Opening Hymn****Red #369****on supplement****“Blessed Assurance”****\*Opening Prayer**

**Gracious Father, who has called us in love to be your children: Inspire us with your Spirit; that we may be strong in our convictions to live the Christian life. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Message from/for the Children

“Jesus Says”

Bible Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

<sup>1</sup> From Paul, Silas, and Timothy.

We are writing to the church in Thessalonica, to you who belong to God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

May God give you grace and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly. <sup>3</sup>As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>We know, dear brothers and sisters, that God loves you and has chosen you to be his own people. <sup>5</sup>For when we brought you the Good News, it was not only with words but also with power, for the Holy Spirit gave you full assurance that what we said was true. And you know of our concern for you from the way we lived when we were with you. <sup>6</sup>So you received the message with joy from the Holy Spirit in spite of the severe suffering it brought you. In this way, you imitated both us and the Lord. <sup>7</sup>As a result, you have become an example to all the believers in Greece—throughout both Macedonia and Achaia.

<sup>8</sup>And now the word of the Lord is ringing out from you to people everywhere, even beyond Macedonia and Achaia, for wherever we go we find people telling us about your faith in God. We don't need to tell them about it, <sup>9</sup>for they keep talking about the wonderful welcome you gave us and how you turned away from idols to serve the living and true God. <sup>10</sup>And they speak of how you are looking forward to the coming of God's Son from heaven—Jesus, whom God raised from the dead. He is the one who has rescued us from the terrors of the coming judgment.

New Living Translation (NLT)

Pastor's Message

“The church of today and tomorrow”

**Tithes and Offerings****\*Song of Thanksgiving****Black #2036****on screen****“Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart”**

**\*Offering Prayer - Most gracious and loving God, author of all that is good and just, we present this offering as our way of saying thank you. Thank you for not turning your back on us. Thank you for watching over us and our loved ones. Thank you for your patience when we are struggling through life. So, we ask you today to accept this offering of thanksgiving, and transform it into your love, felt throughout the globe. Amen.**

