

Waupun  
United Methodist Church  
October 29, 2023



... we have been approved  
by God to be entrusted with  
the message of the gospel ...

1 Thessalonians 2:4, NRSV

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

Prelude

Welcome

Musical Call to Worship

**\*Call to Worship**

Here it is: a gift of another new day,  
**Unlived, untried, ready to be opened.**

A new day with surprising miracles;

**With love to be given,**

Kindness to be shared

**And peace to be enjoyed.**

A gift of a new day,

**God's gift to us.**

Let us receive it with joy

**And live it in expectation.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

**Red #463**

**on screen**

**“Lord, Speak to Me”**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**Most Holy God, we await the touch of your Spirit with eagerness. We ask that you enter the lives of each one of us today, refreshing and renewing and healing with the power of your loving Spirit, that we may live with purpose and enthusiasm and courage after the manner of Jesus Christ our Lord. Help us to care so deeply for one another and for your children everywhere that we will be determined to share not only the gospel of God, but also ourselves. Amen.**

Message from/for the Children

“Truth, Not Tricks”

**Hymn**

**Red #649**

**on screen**

**“How Shall They Hear”**

Bible Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

**2** You yourselves know, dear brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not a failure. **2** You know how badly we had been treated at Philippi just before we came to you and how much we suffered there. Yet our God gave us the courage to declare his Good News to you boldly, in spite of great opposition. **3** So you can see we were not preaching with any deceit or impure motives or trickery.

**4** For we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts. **5** Never once did we try to win you with flattery, as you well know. And God is our witness that we were not pretending to be your friends just to get your money! **6** As for human praise, we have never sought it from you or anyone else.

**7** As apostles of Christ we certainly had a right to make some demands of you, but instead we were like children among you. Or we were like a mother feeding and caring for her own children. **8** We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God's Good News but our own lives, too.

New Living Translation (NLT)

Pastor's Message

“Earth Angels”

**Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Song of Thanksgiving Black #2195 on screen “In the LORD I'll Be Ever Thankful”**

**\*Offering Prayer**

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

**Announcements**

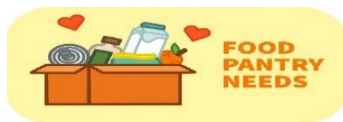
\*Closing Hymn                      **Red #572**                      **on screen**                      **"It Only Takes a Spark"**

\*Dismissal

Today's Worship Ministers:	All of us - wherever we are
Tech Operators:	Cole and Callan Bartlett
Pianist:	Sue Rens Guell
Worship Leader/Preacher:	Pastor Steve Miller
Counters:	Dan Dolgner and Gary Schulz

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Today, Sunday, October 29: Confirmation – after worship  
Wednesday, November 1: Choir Rehearsal – 6:30  
Saturday, November 4: Craft Fair 9am – 2pm



October – Pasta Sauce  
November – Baking Supplies

**INTENSIVE PRAYER LIST**

Phil Ruck   Mike Duer   Joyce Brown   Tammy Kasuboski  
Bob Bradley   Ray Dolgner   Ryan Giese  
Marion Dolgner   Dolores Good  
Those impacted by war in Ukraine   For peace in the Mideast  
The Confirmation class

**Remember our homebound:**

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

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