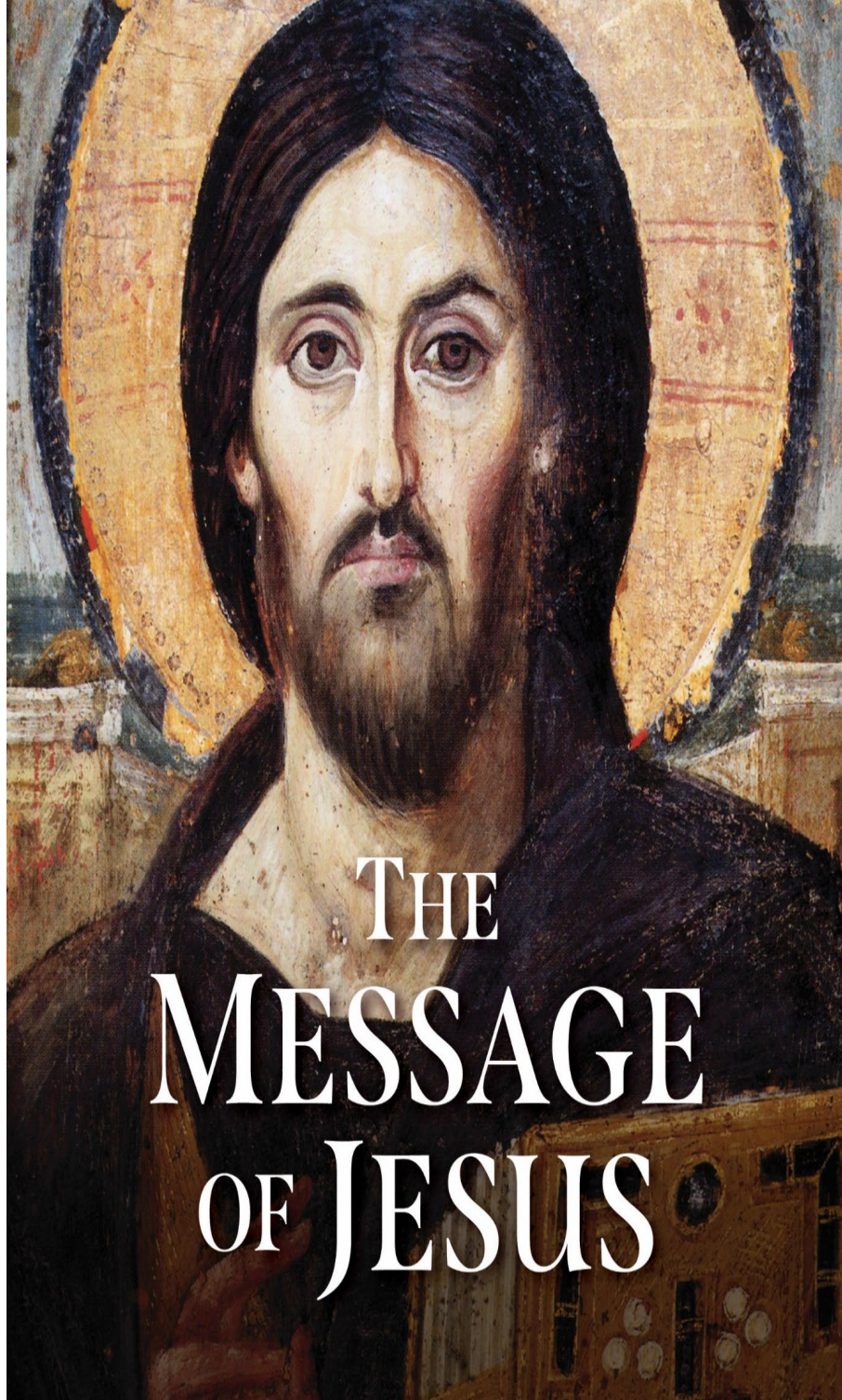


Waupun
United Methodist Church
March 23, 2025
Sunday worship – 9:00 a.m.



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

At the * sign, please stand as you are able.

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Prelude Music

Welcome

Musical Call to Worship

***Call to Worship**

(based on Proverbs 1:3-8)

If we indeed cry out for insight and raise our voice for understanding—

If we seek wisdom like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures—

Then will we understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.

For the Lord gives wisdom, and from the Lord's mouth come knowledge and understanding.

The Lord stores up sound wisdom for the upright, and is a shield to those who walk blamelessly.

The Lord guards the paths of justice, and preserves the way of the faithful.

***Opening Hymn**

Red #140

on supplement

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

we confess we have failed to live as your holy people.

We have cared for ourselves at others' expense.

We have not answered your calls for justice and peace.

**We have harmed the creation you entrusted to our care,
and have ignored your image in our neighbors.**

In your mercy, forgive us.

**By your Holy Spirit, empower us to live as loyal subjects of your realm, and as more faithful
followers**

of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance

God's forgiveness is freely extended to all who in faith repent. Hear and believe the Good News: Jesus
Christ forgives all your sins!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Message from/for the Children

"Lost and Found"

Prayer for Illumination

(based on Hebrews 1:1-2; John 6:68-69)

Eternal God,

who spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways, and who has spoken to us by your Son:

**Open our ears and hearts by your Holy Spirit to welcome your Holy One's words of eternal life, that
we may rejoice in your rule and walk after him in your ways. Amen.**

Bible Reading

on supplement

Matthew 25:31-46

Hymn

Red #351

on supplement

"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

Bible Reading

on supplement

Luke 10:29-37

Bible Reading

on supplement

Luke 15:11-32

Pastor's Message

"He Spoke to Them in Parables"

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe Jesus Christ brought God's Kingdom near,
calling all people to repent and believe the good news.**

**We believe his death on the cross exposes both the reality of human sin
and the depths of God's selfless, sacrificial love.**

We believe his resurrection is God's ultimate victory over sin, hate, evil, and death.

We believe that through the Holy Spirit, Jesus still calls us and all to repent and believe the gospel, yielding our hearts to God alone, embodying in our lives the justice, mercy, and love of God's rule.

Tithes and Offerings

***Song of Thanksgiving** on screen **"Give Thanks**
***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Joys, Praise and Concerns Pastoral Prayer **The Lord's Prayer**

Announcements

***Closing Hymn** **Red #156** **on supplement** **"I Love To Tell the Story"**

***Blessing**

May the God who welcomes prodigals home,
Jesus Christ who is present in those who are least,
and the Holy Spirit who pours out extravagant love in our hearts bless you and keep you, now and always.
Amen.

Today's Worship Ministers:	All of us – wherever we are
Tech Operators:	Brady Bronson and Val Dolgner
Worship Music Leader:	Emma Devries
Worship Leader/Preacher:	Pastor Steve Miller
Reader:	Suzanne Chase
Fellowship Host(s):	Dan & Val Dolgner
Counters:	Marilyn Vander Sanden and Jeanne Ludjack

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wed., March 26: The Message of Jesus Bible study – 6:00



INTENSIVE PRAYER LIST

Katie Boegh Christopher Nord Lois Bentley Joyce Brown
Tammy Kasuboski Bob Bradley Ray Dolgner Ryan Giese Jerry Kok
Those impacted by war in Ukraine For peace in the Mideast

Remember our homebound:

Hillside Manor, Beaver Dam: Joyce Berry Home in Waupun: Dean and Karen Starks
Prairie Place, Ripon: Elaine Stanton
Prairie Ridge, Waupun: Phyllis McDowell, Loni Wendt
Waunakee: Janette Ruck

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