

Waupun United Methodist Church
March 5, 2023

**The promise that he would
inherit the world did not
come to Abraham...**



**through the law but through
the righteousness of faith.**

Romans 4:13, NRSV

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

Prelude

Welcome

Musical Call to Worship

***Call to Worship**

I look to the hills—where will I find help?
the One who protects,
who does not let us stumble,
Where will I find help?
giving us shade by day, giving us light at night,
From where does our help come?

on screen

(based on Psalm 121)

**It will come from God: the Creator of all that is,
who is always alert,
who doesn't doze—who doesn't even get drowsy!
From God who protects us,
keeping us safe in all time and places.
Our help comes from God! Come, let us worship!**

***Opening Hymn**

Red #122

on screen

"God of the Sparrow; God of the Whale"

***Opening Prayer**

O God, who deals with your children with faithfulness and love, grant us the faith to trust in you so that we may boldly live as your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Message for/from the Children

"Everybody's Got a Place in the Choir"

Bible Reading

on screen

Genesis 12:1-4

12 The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. ² I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. ³ I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

⁴ So Abram departed as the LORD had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. New Living Translation (NLT)

Hymn

Red #451

on screen

"Be Thou My Vision"

Bible Reading on screen

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

4 Abraham was, humanly speaking, the founder of our Jewish nation. What did he discover about being made right with God? ² If his good deeds had made him acceptable to God, he would have had something to boast about. But that was not God's way. ³ For the Scriptures tell us, "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith." ⁴ When people work, their wages are not a gift, but something they have earned. ⁵ But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, but because of their faith in God who forgives sinners.

¹³ Clearly, God's promise to give the whole earth to Abraham and his descendants was based not on his obedience to God's law, but on a right relationship with God that comes by faith. ¹⁴ If God's promise is only for those who obey the law, then faith is not necessary and the promise is pointless. ¹⁵ For the law always brings punishment on those who try to obey it. (The only way to avoid breaking the law is to have no law to break!)

¹⁶ So the promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift. And we are all certain to receive it, whether or not we live according to the law of Moses, if we have faith like Abraham's. For Abraham is the father of all who believe. ¹⁷ That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, "I have made you the father of many nations." This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing. (NLT)

Pastor's Message

"My Camels Leave in the Morning"

Tithes and Offerings

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Black #2031

2x

on screen

"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Joys, Praise and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

**Celebration at the Lord's Table
The Lord's Prayer**

Announcements

***Closing Song** **Red #130** **on screen** **"God Will Take Care of You"**

***Blessing** **on screen** (based on Psalm 121)

The Lord is your keeper; Yahweh is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike us by day, or the moon by night.

Yahweh will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.

Yahweh will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore. Amen.

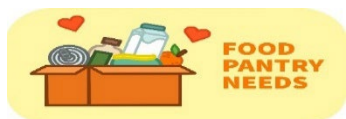
WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today, Sunday, March 5: Confirmation – 10:15

Wednesday, March 8: Amazing Grace Bible study – 6:00

Choir rehearsal - 7:00

This year's Lenten Bible study will be a study based on the hymn: "Amazing Grace." This year is the 250th anniversary of the hymn. The study continues at 6:00 pm, beginning Wednesday, March 8 and conclude Wednesday, April 5. Study books are available for \$10. Contact the Church Office if you would like one.



March - Canned Fruit
April - Paper Products

INTENSIVE PRAYER LIST

Joyce Brown Tammy Kasuboski Janette Ruck Bob Bradley
Paula Wendt Ray Dolgner Ryan Giese Dolores Good
Those impacted by war in Ukraine The Confirmation class
Jessica and Brian Jacobson

Remember our homebound:

Hillside Manor, Beaver Dam: Joyce Berry

Prairie Place, Ripon: Elaine Stanton

Prairie Ridge, Waupun: June Witowich, Phyllis McDowell,

Alice Chase, Betty Buchholz

Remembrance Home, Beaver Dam: Dick Walters

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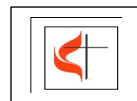
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Today's Worship Ministers:

All of us - wherever we are

Tech Operators:

Cole and Callan Bartlett

Pianist:

Sue Rens Guell

Pastor/Worship Leader:

Steve Miller

Counters:

Sue Duer and Deb White