

Waupun United Methodist Church

April 28, 2024

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.
Bold print = Congregational response

Prelude

Welcome

Choral Call to Worship

“Down to the River to Pray”

***Call to Worship**

Like a whisper that lures us to safety,

Strong as a shout that bids us to come,

Gentle as a prayer that eases our worry,

Like a clear bell that rings out our name,

Your Word comes to us, Loving God.

It calls us, comforts us and urges us to depart from evil and do good, to seek peace and pursue it.

God who continues to speak, open our hearts to hear you

And free our voices to praise you.

***Opening Hymn**

Green #3008

on supplement

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

***Opening Prayer**

O Lord, our God, we thank you for those who shared the gospel with us and opened our hearts and minds to your saving grace. Within the pages of scripture we will recognize you and the part you have played in our lives! Keep us ever mindful that each generation must receive the Good News of Jesus, and they cannot understand unless it is explained by those who have found the joy of the gospel themselves. What is to prevent us from becoming your living will? Look! Here is living water! With you we have nothing to fear. May we be instruments of that sharing through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Message from/for the Children

“Make Things Right”

Hymn

Red #277

on supplement

“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

Bible Reading

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ As for Philip, an angel of the Lord said to him, “Go south down the desert road that runs from Jerusalem to Gaza.” ²⁷ So he started out, and he met the treasurer of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under the Kandake, the queen of Ethiopia. The eunuch had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and he was now returning. Seated in his carriage, he was reading aloud from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

²⁹ The Holy Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and walk along beside the carriage.”

³⁰ Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

³¹ The man replied, “How can I, unless someone instructs me?” And he urged Philip to come up into the carriage and sit with him.

³² The passage of Scripture he had been reading was this:

“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter.

And as a lamb is silent before the shearers,
he did not open his mouth.

³³ He was humiliated and received no justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth.”

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, was the prophet talking about himself or someone else?” ³⁵ So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus.

³⁶ As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look! There’s some water! Why can’t I be baptized?” ³⁸ He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ Meanwhile, Philip found himself farther north at the town of

Azotus. He preached the Good News there and in every town along the way until he came to Caesarea.
New Living Translation (NLT)

Pastor's Message "Power in the Word"
Renewal of Baptism on supplement
Hymn Black #2248 on supplement "Baptized in Water"
Tithes and Offerings
*Song of Thanksgiving Black #2195 on supplement "In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful"
*Prayer of Dedication

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

Announcements

*Closing Song Black #2173 on supplement "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

***Blessing/Dismissal**


Go now. It's your call.
You are the heralds of Christ,
and the love of God,
be with you all.

**We go to proclaim God's word.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and fellowship in the Holy Spirit,**

Today's Worship Ministers:	All of us – wherever we are
Tech Operators:	Brady Bronson and Val Dolgner
Pianist:	Sue Rens Guell
Choir Director:	Harvey Schaub
Worship Leader/Preacher:	Pastor Steve Miller
Coffee hour host:	Mary Vande Zande
Counters:	Sue Duer and Marsha Schaub

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, April 30: Community choir – 6:00
Wednesday, May 1: Choir rehearsal – 6:30
Thursday, May 2: National Day of Prayer @ City Hall – 6:00 pm



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

April – Paper Products
May - Personal Products

INTENSIVE PRAYER LIST

Lois Bentley Mike Duer Joyce Brown Tammy Kasuboski Bob Bradley
Ray Dolgner Ryan Giese Jerry Kok Dolores Good Marion Dolgner
Those impacted by war in Ukraine For peace in the Mideast

Remember our homebound:

Hillside Manor, Beaver Dam: Joyce Berry
FdL, Lakehouse: Dean and Karen Starks
Prairie Place, Ripon: Elaine Stanton
Prairie Ridge, Waupun: June Witowich,
Betty Buchholz, Phyllis McDowell

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