

Waupun United Methodist Church

July 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 Musical Call to Worship

***Call to Worship**

A gift of a new day,
A new day with surprising miracles;
Kindness to be shared
A gift of a new day,
Let us receive it with joy

**Unlived, untried, ready to be opened.
With love to be given,
And peace to be enjoyed.
God's gift to us.
And live it in expectation.**

***Opening Hymn** Red #617 on supplement "I Come With Joy"

***Opening Prayer**

Left side: Wondrous and generous God, your gifts are overwhelming: Your sun lights the way for our journey, and your stars puncture our darkness. Your living water quenches our thirst, and your broken bread opens the door to eternal life. Your healing touch binds up our wounds, and your forgiveness washes clean our sin.

Right side: Wondrous and generous God, from the four corners of the earth, a chorus of praise erupts. The ocean roars and the trees shout their joy. From the deepest depths of our being, our prayer gropes to find words of adoration. For you are patient and kind, even as we wander, lured by the trivial and attracted by the quick solution. For you are full of compassion and truth, even as we stumble in relationships and hesitate at the doors of justice.

Left side: Come now, wondrous and generous God. Bring comfort to those who agonize over broken relationships, who mourn the death of what used to be. Touch those whose bodies need healing. Liberate those whose addictions warp their full potential. Surprise those whose days are filled with sameness and whose joy has ceased.

Right side: Come now, wondrous and generous God. Make this church a place where seeds grow, joy is shared, songs are sung, peace is shaped, dreams are born, sorrow is graced and ripples of love are spread.

All: In the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Message From/For the Children "What's in Your Lunchbox?"

Bible Reading John 6:1-21

6 After this, Jesus crossed over to the far side of the Sea of Galilee, also known as the Sea of Tiberias. ² A huge crowd kept following him wherever he went, because they saw his miraculous signs as he healed the sick. ³ Then Jesus climbed a hill and sat down with his disciples around him. ⁴ (It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration.) ⁵ Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, "Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?" ⁶ He was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do.

⁷ Philip replied, "Even if we worked for months, we wouldn't have enough money to feed them!"

⁸ Then Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up. ⁹ "There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?"

¹⁰ "Tell everyone to sit down," Jesus said. So they all sat down on the grassy slopes. (The men alone numbered about 5,000.) ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much as they wanted. ¹² After everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples, "Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted." ¹³ So they picked up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with scraps left by the people who had eaten from the five barley loaves.

New Living Translation (NLT)

Pastor's Message "The Miracle of Abundance"

Affirmations of Faith

God, we believe that you gave humanity life and that you gave Adam and Eve every good thing to eat in the garden of Eden.

We believe that you provided bread and grain for the sons of Israel, through your servant Joseph, when they sought help in Egypt and found their brother alive and well.

**We believe that you provided manna and quail for the nation of Israel as they wandered in the desert.
We believe that you kept the oil flowing and the flour jar full for the widow in Elijah's day.
We believe that you fed the thousands with fishes and loaves.
Now, hungry as we are, we turn again to you.
Feed our souls today on the living bread of Jesus. Amen.**

Tithes and Offerings

***Song of Thanksgiving Black #2036 on supplement "Give Thanks"**
***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

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

Announcements

***Closing Song Red #629 on supplement "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"**

***Blessing/Dismissal**

May the fullness of God complete you and so overwhelm you,
that grace will run overflow your hearts to bless all the world.

Amen.

Today's Worship Ministers:	All of us – wherever we are
Tech Operators:	Brady Bronson and Val Dolgner
Pianist:	Emma DeVries
Worship Leader/Preacher:	Pastor Steve Miller
Counters:	Deb White and Jeanne Ludiack

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, July 30: Elizabeth Circle – 12:30 (@ Siedschlag's)



July – Crackers
August – Peanut Butter & Jelly

INTENSIVE PRAYER LIST

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

Remember our homebound:

Hillside Manor, Beaver Dam: Joyce Berry
Home (Waupun): Dean and Karen Starks
Prairie Place, Ripon: Elaine Stanton
Prairie Ridge, Waupun: Betty Buchholz, Phyllis McDowell

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