

Waupun
United Methodist Church
July 9, 2023



“YOU WILL FIND
rest for your souls.”

MATTHEW 11:29

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

***Call to Worship**

Are any among us weary? Do we carry heavy burdens? Here is a place of rest.

Here we encounter Christ's healing and grace.

Are any among us frantic and scattered, breathless in our busy-ness?

Here is a place of deep peace. In our worship, we meet the unhurried God.

Are any among us feeling brittle and broken, thirsty for the gospel?

Here we encounter Jesus, the living water — tranquil and ever-present.

Are any among us feeling hollow and empty, hungry for truth?

Here we encounter Christ, the bread of life — nourishment for the journey.

Opening Song*Black #2158****on supplement****"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"*****Opening Prayer**

Message from/for the Children

"Simon Says"

Bible Reading

Romans 7:15-24

I don't understand myself at all, for I really want to do what is right, but I can't. I do what I don't want to— what I hate. I know perfectly well that what I am doing is wrong and that the laws I am breaking are good ones. But I can't help myself because I'm not doing it. It is sin inside me that is stronger than I am that makes me do these evil things. I know I am rotten through and through so far as my old sinful nature is concerned. No matter which way I turn I can't make myself do right. I want to but I can't. When I want to do good, I don't; and when I try not to do wrong, I do it anyway. Now if I am doing what I don't want to, it is plain where the trouble is: sin still has me in its evil grasp. It seems to be a fact of life that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. I love to do God's will so far as my new nature is concerned; but there is something else deep within me, in my lower nature, that is at war with my mind and wins the fight and makes me a slave to the sin and death that are still within me. In my mind I want to be God's willing servant but instead I find myself still enslaved to sin. So you see how it is: my new life tells me to do right, but the old nature that is still inside me loves to sin. Oh, what a terrible thing this is!

Living Letters – The Paraphrased Epistles

Call to Confession

No one — not one of us — can stand blameless before the Lord.

But no one — not one of us — needs to fear coming before God in humble prayer and sincere confession.

For everyone — each one of us — has access to God through Jesus Christ.

So let us confess our sin in the name of the One who was without sin, Jesus Christ, who is our mediator and Savior.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we know what is right — to love God and love neighbor — but we do not do it. We know what is wrong — injustice, oppression, self-centeredness, greed — but we persist in doing it. We have become ensnared by our own petty desires; and when we try to free ourselves, we become tangled in our own good intentions. You alone can break the bonds of our sin, O God. You alone have the grace to free us from these knots that hold us captive. Free us, loving God. Liberate us for authentic living and obedient service in your name. Amen.

Bible Reading

Romans 7:25a

Who will free me from my slavery to this deadly lower nature? Thank God! It has been done through Jesus Christ our Lord. He has set me free.

Living Letters – The Paraphrased Epistles

Hymn**Red #99****on supplement****"My Tribute"**

Pastor's Message

"Across the Chasm"

Tithes and Offerings

*Song of Thanksgiving

Red #162

(Refrain) 2x

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“Alleluia, Alleluia”

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Joys, Praise and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Song

Black #2149

on supplement

“Living for Jesus”

*Blessing

on supplement

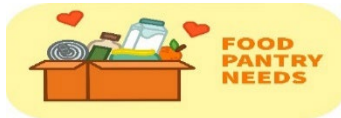
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| Today's Worship Ministers: | All of us - wherever we are |
| Tech Operators: | Cole and Callan Bartlett |
| Pianist: | Laura Ten Pass |
| Worship Leader/Preacher: | Pastor Steve Miller |
| Counters: | Dan Dolgner and Gary Schulz |

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, July 10: Worship Committee – 5:15

Tuesday, July 11: Trustees – 5:30

Finance/Church Council – 6:30



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| July - Crackers Aug. – PB & Jelly |
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INTENSIVE PRAYER LIST

Mike Duer Joyce Brown Tammy Kasuboski
Bob Bradley Paula Wendt Ray Dolgner
Ryan Giese Dolores Good Marilyn Siedschlag
Those impacted by war in Ukraine
The Confirmation class

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

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