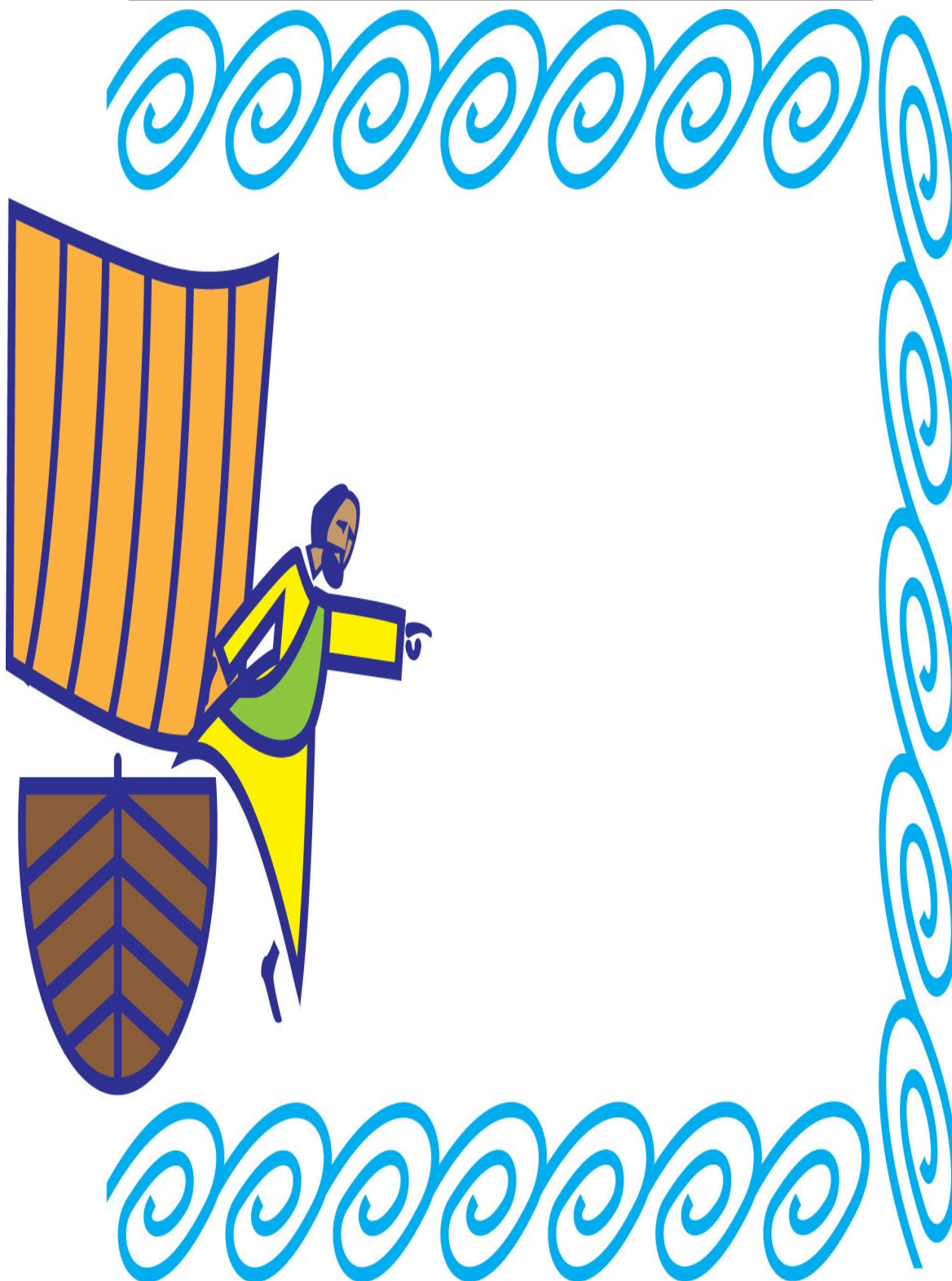


Waupun
United Methodist Church
August 13, 2023



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

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Scripture tells us of how Jesus once invited Peter to step out in faith onto the deep waters.

We are also invited to step out of our safety, our security, and walk toward Jesus.

Peter became afraid and, in his fear, began to sink.

Like Peter, we are afraid and cry out, "Lord, save us."

The One who has power over all creation comes to save us.

We will be saved by the One who is God's Son!

***Opening Hymn**

on supplement

"Love Lifted Me"

***Opening Prayer**

(Based on Matthew 14:22-33)

Lord, if it's you, we need to hear from you

When we are alone

When we go away to pray

When we have little faith

When we are battered by the waves

When the wind is against us

When we get in the boat

When we're terrified by our ghosts

When we seek you on the mountain

When we cry out in fear

When we start walking on water

When we begin to sink; When we are far from land

Lord, if it's you,

speak to us, calm our fears, calm our storms

Strengthen our resolve

Remind us who you are

Walk to us - Call to us - Save us

Reach out your hand and catch us

Quiet the wind around us

Lord, if it's you, we worship you for "Truly you are the Son of God."

Message from/for the Children

"Walking on Water"

Hymn

on supplement

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Bible Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people home. ²³ After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone.

²⁴ Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. ²⁵ About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!"

²⁷ But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!"

²⁸ Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water."

²⁹ "Yes, come," Jesus said.

So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted.

³¹ Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. "You have so little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?"

³² When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped.

³³ Then the disciples worshiped him. "You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed.

New Living Translation (NLT)

Pastor's Message

"Swing Big"

Tithes and Offerings

***Song of Thanksgiving** on supplement **"Alleluia, Alleluia"**

***Prayer of Dedication - Lord of all creation who gives and holds nothing back, bless these gifts that we offer up to you this morning. Help us not just to give, but also to live more boldly and more generously. Grant in us the faith to step out of the places in our lives where**

we are so cautious and anxious that we miss the joy that comes from the kingdom-living Jesus taught. Help us to walk on water -- strong in our faith and keeping our eyes on Christ. In his holy name, we pray. Amen. (Matthew 14:22-33)

Prayers of the People

Joys, Praise and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

***Closing Song**

on supplement

"Put Your Hand In the Hand"

***Blessing**

Give thanks to God who lives in the whirlwind and calms the storms.

Give thanks to God who is with us when we sink in despair and lifts us into joy again.

Give thanks to God that we have received this good news.

Give thanks to God that we are sent to bear the good news to others.

Thanks be to God.

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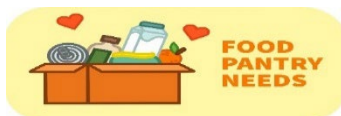
Today's Worship Ministers:	All of us - wherever we are
Tech Operators:	Cole and Callan Bartlett
Worship Leader/Preacher:	Pastor Steve Miller
Counters:	Marilyn Vander Sanden and Jeanne Ludjack

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, August 14: Worship Committee – 5:15

Tuesday, August 15: Elizabeth Circle – 11:30

Next Sunday, August 20: Summer Lunch assembly (after worship)



August – Peanut butter and Jelly
September - Cereal/Breakfast Items

INTENSIVE PRAYER LIST

Phil Ruck 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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