

Waupun United Methodist Church

August 27, 2023

*Do not be  
conformed to  
this world,  
but*

**BE**

**TRANSFORMED**

*by the  
renewal of  
your mind.*

**ROMANS 12:2,  
ESV**

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

**\*Call to Worship**

Let us seek the Christ who reveals God to us.

**We open our hearts and minds to the Christ.**

Let us seek the Christ who reveals ourselves to us.

**We seek to know our true selves in Christ.**

When we know God and ourselves, we know our purpose.

**We seek to fulfill the purpose God has given us.**

**\*Opening Song****Black #2165**

on screen

**"Cry of My Heart"****\*Opening Prayer**

**God of truth, we come longing for the peace that only you can provide. We seem so often to be tossed to and for, blown about by every wind except that of your own Holy Spirit. Be pleased to dwell here this day, to receive our worship and our praise. Linger long, and speak the truth to us in love, that we may come to the unity of faith and to the knowledge of the full stature of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Message from/for the Children

"Flat People"

**Song of Prayer****Black #2160**

vs. 1

on screen

**"Into My Heart"**

## Bible Reading

Romans 12:1-8

**12** <sup>1-2</sup> So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

<sup>3</sup> I'm speaking to you out of deep gratitude for all that God has given me, and especially as I have responsibilities in relation to you. Living then, as every one of you does, in pure grace, it's important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you. The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him.

<sup>4-6</sup> In this way we are like the various parts of a human body. Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, not the other way around. The body we're talking about is Christ's body of chosen people. Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn't amount to much, would we? So since we find ourselves fashioned into all these excellently formed and marvelously functioning parts in Christ's body, let's just go ahead and be what we were made to be, without enviously or pridefully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren't.

<sup>6-8</sup> If you preach, just preach God's Message, nothing else; if you help, just help, don't take over; if you teach, stick to your teaching; if you give encouraging guidance, be careful that you don't get bossy; if you're put in charge, don't manipulate; if you're called to give aid to people in distress, keep your eyes open and be quick to respond; if you work with the disadvantaged, don't let yourself get irritated with them or depressed by them. Keep a smile on your face.

The Message (MSG)

**Song of Response****Black #2160**

vs. 2

on screen

**"Into My Heart"**

Pastor's Message

"Called to Non-Conformity"

**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

Prayer For The Beginning Of The New School Year on screen

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

## Announcements

\*Closing Hymn

Black #399

on screen

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

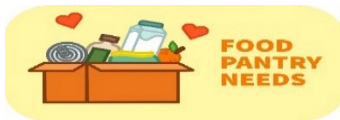
## \*Blessing

Fix your attention on God, so you might be changed from the inside out. May the Lord's purpose for your life become clearer and clearer in the coming days, and may his faithfulness shine forth in your life together.

Amen.

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:	Deb White and Jeanne Ludjack

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



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 Alice Chase, Betty Buchholz, Phyllis McDowell

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