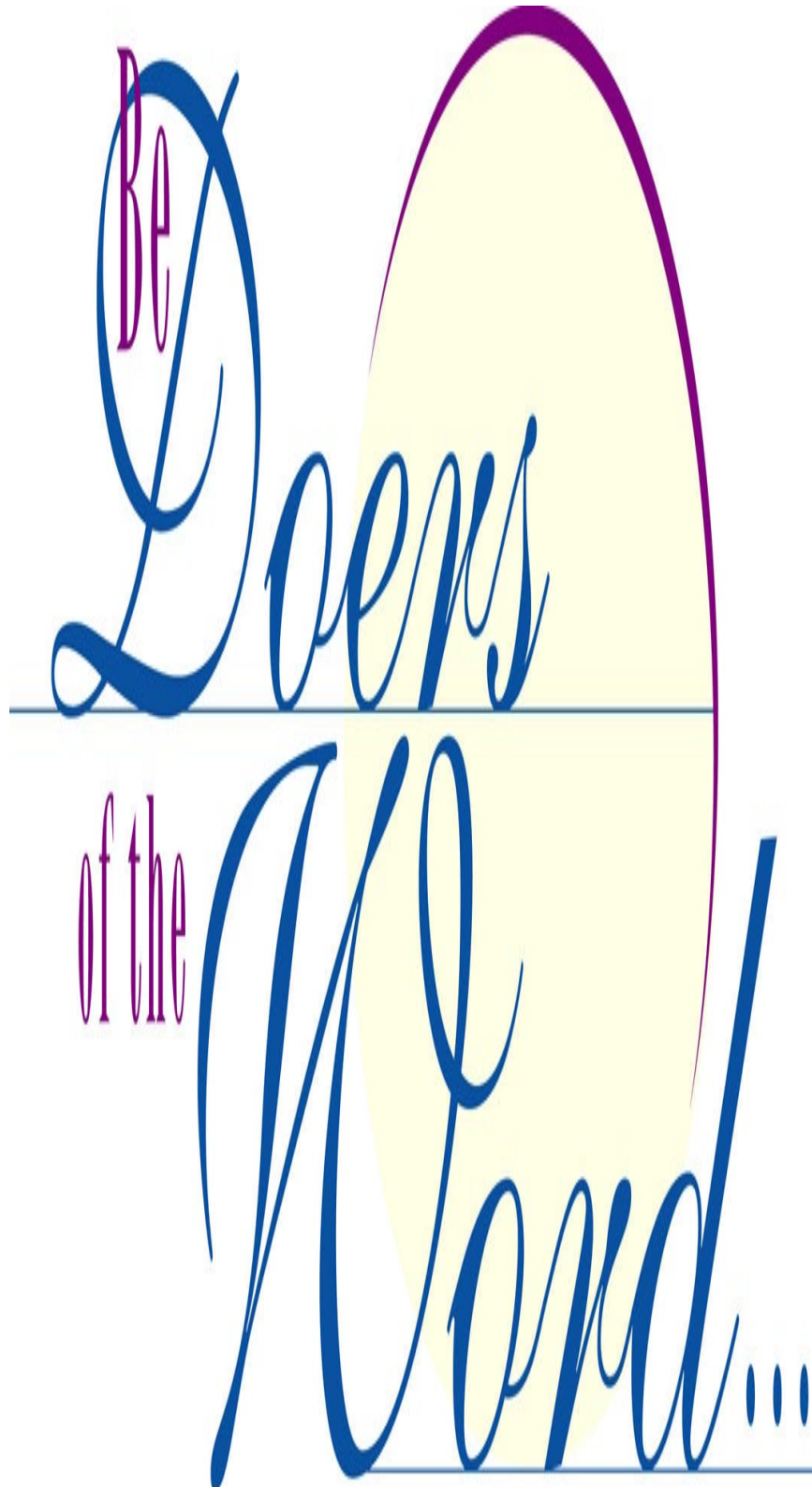


Waupun
United Methodist Church
September 1, 2024
Sunday worship – 9:00 a.m.



Welcome to worship.
May you find the presence of God wherever you are.
At the * sign, please stand as you are able.

Prelude

Welcome

Musical Call to Worship

Gathering Meditation

Quick . . . to listen

It's not normal . . . to hurry . . . to shut up.

Shhh . . . I have to remind myself to listen:

So I won't speak too soon

So I won't say what I'll later regret.

Now . . . slow yourself

Slow down anger

Slow down careless thought

Slow down . . .

Long enough . . .

To hear God whisper

The right things to do and say.

Quick . . . listen

Pause and hear

(Silence)

***Opening Hymn**

Red #140

on supplement

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

***Opening Prayer**

O God from whom every gift derives, we gather to worship You this day.

You are an awesome God, greater than our comprehension or our imagination.

You are beyond any word we could ever use to describe You.

And yet, through Jesus, we know the intimacy of Your vast love.

We have come to You in thanksgiving and praise,

to know that You are God and to place our lives anew into Your perspective.

Enlarge our vision this hour with Your Word.

Instill in us, again,

Your hope in place of our despair, Your peace where our hatred threatens,

Your joy amidst our depression, Your love overwhelming our apathy.

May Your Holy Spirit surround and fill this congregation now, and forevermore. In Jesus we pray. Amen.

Message from/for the Children

“How many?”

Bible Reading

James 1:17-27

¹⁷ Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father, the creator of the heavenly lights, in whose character there is no change at all. ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth by his true word, and here is the result: we are like the first crop from the harvest of everything he created.

¹⁹ Know this, my dear brothers and sisters: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to grow angry. ²⁰ This is because an angry person doesn't produce God's righteousness. ²¹ Therefore, with humility, set aside all moral filth and the growth of wickedness, and welcome the word planted deep inside you—the very word that is able to save you.

²² You must be doers of the word and not only hearers who mislead themselves. ²³ Those who hear but don't do the word are like those who look at their faces in a mirror. ²⁴ They look at themselves, walk away, and immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵ But there are those who study the perfect law, the law of freedom, and continue to do it. They don't listen and then forget, but they put it into practice in their lives. They will be blessed in whatever they do.

²⁶ If those who claim devotion to God don't control what they say, they mislead themselves. Their devotion is worthless. ²⁷ True devotion, the kind that is pure and faultless before God the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their difficulties and to keep the world from contaminating us.

Common English Bible (CEB)

Pastor's Message

“Coach James”

Tithes and Offerings

***Song of Thanksgiving Black #2036 on supplement “Give Thanks”**

***Prayer of Dedication - Generous and Holy God, every good and perfect gift that touches our lives does indeed come from above, provided through your gracious and boundless love. We bring these gifts, such a small portion of what we have received by your hand, and doing so join them with others that we might be found to be doers of the word and not listeners only. We pray this is the name of Jesus the Christ, our rock and our redeemer. Amen. (James 1:17-27)**

Prayers of the People

Joys, Praise and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Celebration at the Lord’s Table

The Lord’s Prayer

Announcements

***Closing Hymn Black #2175 on supplement “Together We Serve”**

*Blessing/Dismissal

Today’s Worship Ministers:	All of us – wherever we are
Tech Operators:	Brady Bronson and Val Dolgner
Pianist:	Sue Rens Guell
Worship Leader/Preacher:	Pastor Steve Miller
Communion Steward:	Ann Gysbers
Coffee hour host:	Doris Core
Counters:	Dan Dolgner and Gary Schulz



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 in Waupun: Dean and Karen Starks
 Our House Senior Living, Portage: June Witowich
 Prairie Place, Ripon: Elaine Stanton
 Prairie Ridge, Waupun: Betty Buchholz, Phyllis McDowell

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