

Waupun  
United Methodist Church  
September 22, 2024  
Sunday worship – 9:00 a.m.



*But the wisdom  
that comes from heaven  
is first of all pure;  
then peace-loving,  
considerate,  
submissive,  
full of mercy  
& good fruit,  
impartial & sincere.*

*James 3:17*

**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

Prelude

Welcome

Musical Call to Worship

**\*Call to Worship**

God is everywhere we are and calls us to Himself.

**We have heard that call and have come to meet God.**

God calls us to the fount of wisdom this day.

**We come with joy to drink of God's wisdom.**

God desires to guide us into the fullness of life.

**We will follow God's wisdom and know eternal life.**

**\*Opening Song**                      **Black #2158**                      **on supplement**                      **"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**God, You are the gardener, gently cultivating the soil of our lives, giving us water and life.**

**Thank You for all You give us, for Your Spirit that nurtures us, bring life and strength.**

**May we bear the fruits of righteousness, gentleness, kindness, and peace.**

**May we be gentle and forgiving, turning away from anger, working for peace, rejoicing in each other's gifts. Amen.**

Message from/for the Children

"Nearer to God"

Bible Reading

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

<sup>13</sup> If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don't cover up the truth with boasting and lying. <sup>15</sup> For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. <sup>16</sup> For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind.

<sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere. <sup>18</sup> And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.

**4** What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you? <sup>2</sup> You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. <sup>3</sup> And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.

<sup>7</sup> So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Come close to God, and God will come close to you.

New Living Translation (NLT)

Video Reflection

"The Power of Your Love"

Pastor's Message

"If you want to be Closer"

**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**                      **Black #2172**                      **on supplement**                      **“We Are Called”**

**\* Blessing/Dismissal**

May the wisdom of God rest upon you.  
May the waters of God's love nourish you.  
May the peace of God be yours, today and every day.  
**Amen.**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tomorrow, Monday, September 23: SPRC – 10:00  
Tuesday, September 24: Elizabeth Circle – 1:30



September – Breakfast foods

**INTENSIVE PRAYER LIST**

Janette Ruck   Christopher Nord   Lois Bentley   Mike Duer  
Joyce Brown   Tammy Kasuboski   Bob Bradley   Ray Dolgner  
Ryan Giese   Jerry Kok   Marion Dolgner  
Family and friends of Betty Buchholz  
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: Phyllis McDowell

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