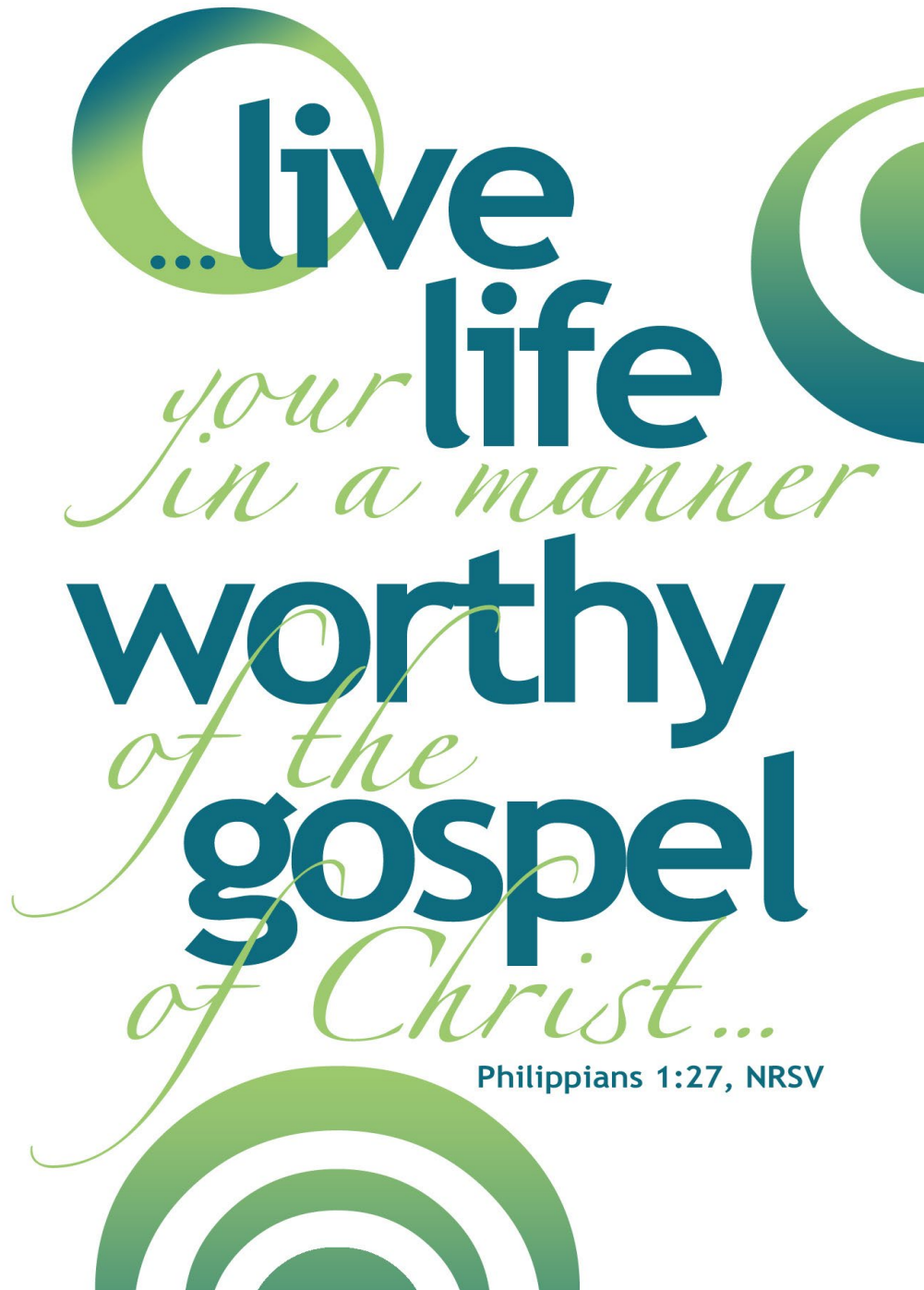


Waupun
United Methodist Church
September 24, 2023



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

Prelude

Welcome

This Is the Day

Musical Call to Worship

***Call to Worship**

Here, we gather in preparation

calling on God's name, singing praises to our Creator.

Here, we gather in anticipation

believing that to live for Christ is gain; to serve others in Christ is our calling.

Here, we gather in hope

All: that God will take away our fears; that the good news will transform our lives.

***Opening Hymn**

on supplement

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

***Opening Prayer**

Hands outstretched

God, you have given my life into my hands. I give it back to you. My time, my property, my life itself ... knowing it is only an instant compared to my life with you in eternity.

Palms down

Father, to you I release the cares and concerns of this world, knowing you loved me enough to give your only Son on my behalf. I'm a sinner in need of a Savior and, once again, I accept what you have done for me as sufficient. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Message from/for the Children

“Choices”

Hymn

on supplement

“It Is Well With My Soul”

Bible Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

²¹ For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better. ²² But if I live, I can do more fruitful work for Christ. So I really don't know which is better. ²³ I'm torn between two desires: I long to go and be with Christ, which would be far better for me. ²⁴ But for your sakes, it is better that I continue to live.

²⁵ Knowing this, I am convinced that I will remain alive so I can continue to help all of you grow and experience the joy of your faith. ²⁶ And when I come to you again, you will have even more reason to take pride in Christ Jesus because of what he is doing through me.

²⁷ Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News. ²⁸ Don't be intimidated in any way by your enemies. This will be a sign to them that they are going to be destroyed, but that you are going to be saved, even by God himself. ²⁹ For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him.

³⁰ We are in this struggle together. You have seen my struggle in the past, and you know that I am still in the midst of it.

New Living Translation (NLT)

Pastor's Message

“Death Wish”

Tithes and Offerings

***Song of Thanksgiving**

on supplement

2x

“We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”

***Offering Prayer**

