

Waupun United Methodist Church
September 3, 2023

“If any want to
become
my followers,
let them...
take up their cross and
follow me.”
Matthew 16:24



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

Prelude

Welcome

Musical Call to Worship

***Call to Worship**

Brothers and sisters, we journey together on a highway to the Kingdom of God.
It is the way of Jesus that takes all our past,
that calls our world
Come, let us journey together.

**and loves it into the future;
and moves it towards the light.**

***Opening Song**

Red #338

on supplement

"Where He Leads Me"

***Opening Prayer**

Come with Jesus, carry your cross.

We will put self on one side and value others.

Come with Jesus, carry your cross.

Success in the eyes of the world is not what God wants.

Come with Jesus, carry your cross.

Though we are burdened, others will find freedom.

Come with Jesus, carry your cross.

The act of carrying brings light to the dark places.

Come with Jesus, carry your cross.

For it is in harmony with Jesus, the way of life is clear. Amen.

Message from/for the Children

"How Much Is It Worth?"

Bible Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

²¹ From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead.

²² But Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. "Heaven forbid, Lord," he said. "This will never happen to you!"

²³ Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's." ²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me.

New Living Translation (NLT)

Video Reflection

"I Will Follow Him"
Sister Act

²⁵ If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. ²⁶ And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man will come with his angels in the glory of his Father and will judge all people according to their deeds. (NLT)

Video Reflection

"Every Breath You Take"
The Police

²⁸ And I tell you the truth, some standing here right now will not die before they see the Son of Man coming in his Kingdom." (NLT)

Song Response

Red #701

on supplement

"When We All Get to Heaven"

Pastor's Message

"Victory in Jesus"

Tithes and Offerings

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Black #2031

2x

on supplement

"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"

***Offering Prayer**

God will provide for us in good times and in bad;

We can trust God.

God will use us to provide for others, near and far, in good time and in bad;

Through our offerings, others will come to know and trust in God.

Prayers of the People

Joys, Praise and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Celebration at the Lord's Table

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

***Dismissal**

We have made our choice. We have cast our lot!

Boldly we will stand on the side of God.

Though we take the way of the pilgrim, our wandering days are done.

We have planted our feet on the rock of the ages.

Though slippery risks glaze our path, our trust shall never falter.

Boldly we will stand on the side of God.

Though the world works to sap our strength, our power shall never wane.

We have planted our feet on the rock of the ages.

Never lose heart! Never turn back!

We have made our choice! We have cast our lot! Boldly we will stand on the side of God!

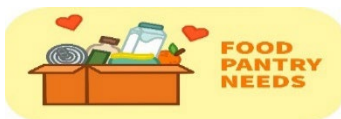
***Closing Hymn**

Black #2129

on supplement

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Today's Worship Ministers:	All of us - wherever we are
Tech Operators:	Cole and Callan Bartlett
Pianist:	Sue Rens Guell
Worship Leader/Preacher:	Pastor Steve Miller
Counters:	Dan Dolgner and Gary Schulz



September - Cereal/Breakfast Items
 October - Pasta Sauce

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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