

Waupun United Methodist Church, Waupun, WI
Worship Music and Bible Reading – 1/22/2023

Call to Worship

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

1 ¹⁻² I, Paul, have been called and sent by Jesus, the Messiah, according to God's plan, along with my friend Sosthenes. I send this letter to you in God's church at Corinth, believers cleaned up by Jesus and set apart for a God-filled life. I include in my greeting all who call out to Jesus, wherever they live. He's their Master as well as ours!

3 May all the gifts and benefits that come from God our Father, and the Master, Jesus Christ, be yours.

4-6 Every time I think of you—and I think of you often!—I thank God for your lives of free and open access to God, given by Jesus. There's no end to what has happened in you—it's beyond speech, beyond knowledge. The evidence of Christ has been clearly verified in your lives.

7-9 Just think—you don't need a thing, you've got it all! All God's gifts are right in front of you as you wait expectantly for our Master Jesus to arrive on the scene for the Finale. And not only that, but God himself is right alongside to keep you steady and on track until things are all wrapped up by Jesus. God, who got you started in this spiritual adventure, shares with us the life of his Son and our Master Jesus. He will never give up on you. Never forget that.

The Message

Litany

The LORD calls us from the wombs of our mothers to be the servants of God.

The LORD appears to our mothers, saying, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you."

But they are greatly troubled and wonder what sort of greeting this might be.

The LORD calls us from our tents to the river to become the servants of God.

At the river we wrestle with the LORD until the breaking of the day. Then the LORD blesses us and calls us by a new name. But we must ask the One with whom we have struggled, "Tell us Your name." Why? Do we not know?

God calls us from the beginning; God becomes our power. But it is not for our sake that we have been born; it is not for our sake that we have been strengthened.

It is too light a burden that we should become God's servants to raise up only our own families and to preserve only our own peoples. We have been given as a light to all nations, that the LORD's salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Hear and be glad!

The LORD of the universe has chosen us for the work of the kingdom!

Song of Dedication

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
 We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
 And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving;
 and we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
 There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
 Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
 As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness!
 Great is Thy faithfulness!
 Morning by morning, new mercies I see:
 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
 Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
 sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
 join with all nature in manifold witness
 to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain:

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
 Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
 Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—
 Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain:

Great Is the Lord

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just; by his power we trust in his love.
 Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true; by his mercy he proves, he is love.

**Great is the Lord and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!**

**Great is the Lord, he is holy and just; by his power we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true; by his mercy he proves, he is love.**

**Great is the Lord and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!**

**Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are you, Lord; I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:
Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!**