

Waupun United Methodist Church, Waupun, WI
Worship Supplement – 1/28/2024

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!

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Great is the Lord and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
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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!

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O LORD of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, LORD;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Confirmation/Reception as Professing Members

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church.

We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation
and given new birth through water and the Spirit.

All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Through confirmation,

and through the reaffirmation of our faith,
we renew the covenant declared at our baptism,
acknowledge what God is doing for us,
and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy church.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

I present Troy Good and Lena Stanton for confirmation.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sins?

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and
oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the church which Christ has opened to people
of all ages, nations, and races?

According to the grace given to you,
will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

(The pastor addresses the congregation.)

Do you, as Christ's body, the church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life
and include Lena and Troy now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.

We will surround Troy and Lena with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others.

We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

**Let us join together in professing the Christian faith
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

CONFIRMATION OF FAITH

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

Troy/Lena, the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

As a member of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

As a member of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service?

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God,
 I commend Lena and Troy to your love and care.
 Do all in your power to increase their faith,
 confirm their hope,
 and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
 and we welcome you in Christian love.
 As members together with you in the body of Christ
 and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,
 we renew our covenant faithfully
 to participate in the ministries of the church by
 our prayers,
 our presence,
 our gifts,
 and our service,
 that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

May the God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

Song of Thanksgiving

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“Give Thanks”

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
 give thanks, because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son. (Repeat)**

And now let the weak say, “I am strong”.

let the poor say, "I am rich, because of what the Lord has done for us."

(Repeat)

Give thanks! Give thanks!

I Have Decided ...

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me, no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow,
though none go with me, still I will follow,
though none go with me, still I will follow, no turning back, no turning back.