

Waupun United Methodist Church, Waupun, WI  
Worship Music and Bible Reading – 12/17/2023

**Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits;  
the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!**

**Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.**

**Redeemer, come, with us abide; our hearts to thee we open wide;  
let us thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in us reveal.**

**Thy Holy Spirit lead us on until our glorious goal is won;  
eternal praise, eternal fame be offered, Savior, to thy name!**

Bible Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

## Toda la Tierra

**All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,  
and the open furrows, the sowing of the Lord.  
All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty;  
it cries out for justice and searches for the truth.**

**Thus says the prophet to those of Israel,  
“A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel,”  
for his name is “God with us,” our brother shall be,  
with him hope will blossom once more within our hearts.**

**Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain;  
open new highways, new highways for the Lord.  
He is now coming closer, so come all and see,  
and open the doorways as wide as wide can be.**

**In lowly stable the Promised One appeared,  
yet, feel his presence throughout the earth today,  
for he lives in all Christians and is with us now;  
again, with his coming he brings us liberty.**

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

My chains are gone, I’ve been set free. My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.  
And like a flood his mercy reigns; unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

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The earth shall soon dissolve like snow; the sun forbear to shine.  
But God who called me here below, will be forever mine, will be forever mine.  
You are forever mine.

## Song of Thanksgiving

**“Give Thanks”**

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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!**

## Joy to the World

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world, the Savior reign!  
Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.**