

18th Sunday after Pentecost

\*Indicates that all are invited to stand in body or spirit.  
Congregation is invited to respond as indicated by **Bold Print**

PRELUDE Sharwin G.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Doug

CENTERING TIME Sharwin G.

CALL TO WORSHIP Larry S.

Larry: Gathered together, we celebrate God’s presence among us,

**All: and witness the faithfulness of the One in whom we trust.**

Larry: We come here, to the table of Christ, seeking God’s forgiving grace,

**All: sharing with our brothers, sisters, and siblings across time and space.**

Larry: As we are filled, forgiven, and freed, we are sent out into the streets

**All: to be living examples of God’s love for every person we meet.**

\*OPENING HYMN Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven UMH # 66

\*OPENING PRAYER (UNISON): Larry S.

Almighty God, you are lord of all Creation! Everything in heaven and on earth offers praise to you, for your goodness is everlasting and your faithfulness is from generation to generation. When the time came, you sent your Son, Jesus, to live among us. He immersed himself fully in the human experience, showing us what it means to be your children, and calling us to follow. But we are not always willing to come. We look back over our shoulders, we get caught up in other ways of being, and we allow concerns of the past to overtake us instead of putting our trust in you. Forgive us, O God! Open our eyes to the many ways you are already at work in our lives. Help us to see and embrace the opportunities that are all around us. Fill us with your hope, that we might live boldly into the future as faithful disciples. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

\*SHARING THE PEACE Pastor Doug

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Pastor Doug

Children are dismissed to Sunday school. Members and guests welcome.

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 2:1-13 Larry S.

Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort in love, any sharing in the Spirit, any sympathy, complete my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, being united, and agreeing with each other. Don’t do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves. Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others. Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus: Though he was in the form of God, he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. But he emptied himself by taking the form of a slave and by becoming like human beings. When he found himself in the form of a human, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God highly honored him and gave him a name above all names, so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my loved ones, just as you always obey me, not just when I am present but now even more while I am away, carry out your own salvation with fear and trembling. God is the one who enables you both to want and to actually live out his good purposes.

SERMON Faithful Disciples Pastor Doug  
Living according to the example of Christ

\*HYMN Make Me a Servant TFWS # 2176

COMMUNITY PRAYER Larry S.

OFFERTORY  
\*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH# 95

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\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Larry S.

Holy God, you pour out your grace upon all people, binding us together by your Spirit and making us part of the good work you are doing, here and now. In gratitude, we return to you these tithes and offerings. Multiply them along with those of our brothers, sisters, and siblings, that together, we may be witnesses to your love. Amen.

JOYS & CONCERNS

HOLY COMMUNION

UMH # 9-11

THE LORD’S PRAYER

UMH # 895

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

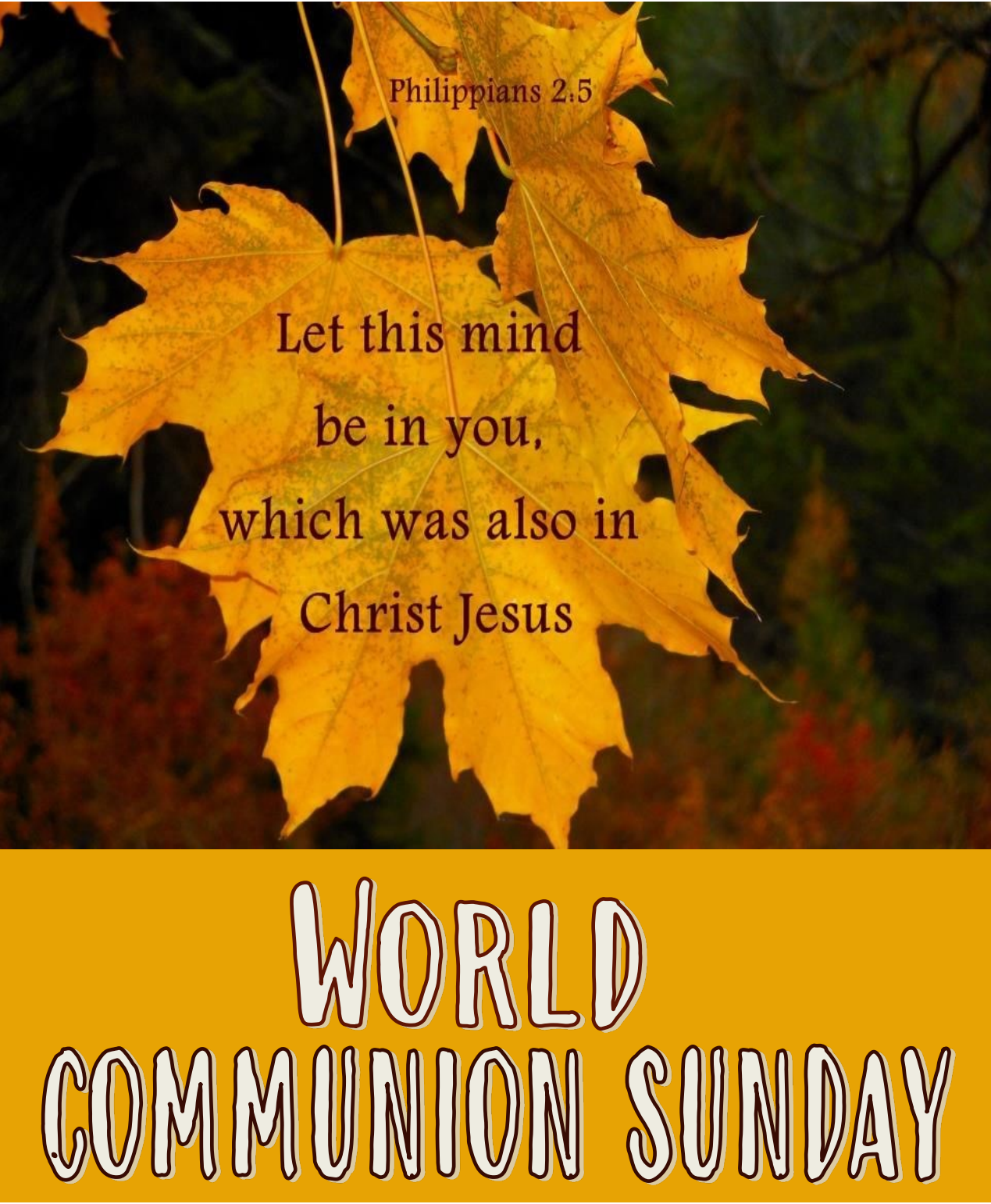
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\*BENEDICTION

Pastor Doug

POSTLUDE

Sharwin G.



# Announcements

## OCTOBER'S NOISY CAN

### Marshfield's Community THANKSGIVING DINNER

For almost 20 years, the Marshfield Community Thanksgiving Dinner has provided a home-cooked traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings on Thanksgiving Day. The meal is FREE to all who are looking for a hot meal. American Legion Hall Post 54, 2100 S. Maple Ave. hosts the dinner. Due to COVID the past several years, the meal has only been a drive up, but other years it has been in-person dining or takeout. It takes a lot of volunteers and donations to make this event happen. Around 700 people are estimated to be served this Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving this year is on Thursday, November 23rd. As the meal fills so many stomachs each year, let's fill the Noisy Can!



### Pastor Doug's Small Group

• Monday, October 2 @ 11 AM

OR

Tuesday, October 3 @ 6 PM

- Chapter 4—What Do United Methodists Believe?
- Need the Zoom link? Contact the office for the details.



Wesley's next week of service at the SOS Food Pantry is

Monday, October 30, Wednesday, November 1 and Friday, November 3. Please see Jackie if you have any questions or would like to volunteer. New volunteers welcomed!

**THANKS** for opening your purses and emptying your pockets for our September Noisy Can collection. We will be making a donation of **\$139.75** to Marshfield's SOS Food Pantry. Thanks for your support of this local mission project.

LET'S PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS!

If you have a joy or concern let us know!

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**JOYS:** those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week (see announcement page). Share with us your joys so we may celebrate together and glorify our Lord for your blessings!

- For all those who celebrated a **September birthday**.
- For **our volunteers** who serve as liturgists, ushers, greeters, musicians, and in so many other ways.

**CONCERNS:** Connie Hodge-health.

- For **Tammy** (sister of Karalee) who is in the hospital recovering from a stroke.
- For **Janice** (grandmother of Rachel S.) who is home recovering after being in the hospital.

**HOMEBOUND:** Jane G. Joan B. Ruth S. Laverne D. Dorothy D. Connie H. Shirley S. Ardis A.

**OTHERS:**

- For **the family of Sophia** (student at Marshfield High School) who was killed in a car accident last week.
- For **Penny's friend** whose husband passed away last week.
- For those impacted by recent storms.
- For all the **laborers** who fight for better wages and working conditions (for themselves and other).

Join Zoom Meeting Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5866677431?pwd=Nm9LZGF2TWw5WDBrZrNRbVhUY3BRdz09>

Lap Top, I pad, Mobile , please use: **Meeting ID: 586 667 7431 Password: WINJ2020**

Dial by your location see passcode is different

**+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) Meeting ID: 586 667 7431 Password: 701769**

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY—OCTOBER 1ST, 2023

- Supports educational, training & mentoring efforts
- Supports ethnic scholarships for undergraduate students
- Provides scholarships for graduate students
- Provides racial & ethnic leadership development training programs
- Donations designated for recruitment, training and retention of ethnic United Methodist persons

**Offering envelopes  
available in the  
Fellowship Hall.**