

4TH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

+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

Joel T.

Joel: Sing praise to the Lord! Sing in the highest heaven!

All: Sing praise to the Lord! Let all the earth echo in reply!

Joel: For God has given us many gifts, and connections together,

All: making us part of the body, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Joel: Brought together in the amazing love of Christ Jesus, our Lord,

All: we are sent out to share the good news with all who we meet.

+OPENING HYMN

We, Thy People, Praise Thee

UMH# 67

+OPENING PRAYER (UNISON):

Joel T.

Eternal God, from the beginning, you have been working for good in the world. And everywhere we turn, the wonders of Creation respond-telling of your goodness, mercies, and glorious might. You bestow upon them your gift of life, just as you have done with each other and every one of us. And, as you have made them for one another, so too, you invite us all in your right relationship. Too often, however, we fail to make the connection. We become so preoccupied with our own lives, believing ourselves to be the authors and the heroes, that we leave little room for community. Forgive us, O God! Remind us we are not in this alone, that we have you and we have each other. Help us to see one another as brothers, sisters, siblings, who we can (and should) rely on. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

+SHARING THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

Joel T.

¹² Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. ¹³ We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Certainly the body isn't one part but many. ¹⁵ If the foot says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not a hand," does that mean it's not part of the body? ¹⁶ If the ear says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not an eye," does that mean it's not part of the body? ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, what would happen to the hearing? And if the whole body were an ear, what would happen to the sense of smell? ¹⁸ But as it is, God has placed each one of the parts in the body just like he wanted. ¹⁹ If all were one and the same body part, what would happen to the body? ²⁰ But as it is, there are many parts but one body. ²¹ So the eye can't say to the hand, "I don't need you," or in turn, the head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." ²² Instead, the parts of the body that people think are the weakest are the most necessary. ²³ The parts of the body that we think are less honorable are the ones we honor the most. The private parts of our body that aren't presentable are the ones that are given the most dignity. ²⁴ The parts of our body that are presentable don't need this. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the part with less honor ²⁵ so that there won't be division in the body and so the parts might have mutual concern for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory, all the parts celebrate with it.

MESSAGE

"In the Nurturing Community"

Pastor Doug

Loving one another to the fullest potential

HYMN

Many Gifts, One Spirit

UMH # 114

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Joel T.

OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #94

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+PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Joel T.

God of change and glory, at every step along this journey, you have been present with us. You pour out upon us your Spirit, and you give to us your abundant and unending grace. With gratitude, we offer back a portion of what we have received. Multiply these to your service, so that just as you have made us stronger together, they too may make a greater difference. Amen.

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

The Servant Song

TFWS # 2222

+BENEDICTION

Pastor Doug

POSTLUDE

Sharwin G.

in the nurturing



community

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL'S NOISY CAN

INGATHERING @ WISCONSIN ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

Each year at Annual Conference, churches are asked to donate items and/or money to assist people in need (including those affected by war or disaster.)

Wisconsin Conference Mission Motivation Committee will be collecting specific items for *Personal Dignity Kits* and *Home Care Kits* on behalf of Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC). These kits will be distributed locally, nationally and internationally to those in need during time of crisis. All supplies are given free of charge regardless of gender, race or religion.

Our April Noisy Can collection will go to support this important outreach of our conference. The funds will be used by Midwest Mission to purchase specific supplies for the kits and to help fund shipping them to where they are most needed.

UPCOMING APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 22: Penny M.



LOOKING AHEAD TO SUNDAY, MAY 12 . . .



HONORING THE MOTHERS AND MOTHER- LIKE

FIGURES OF WESLEY UMC

CELEBRATING ALEXA G. & NEVADA P. ON THEIR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION



LAST DAY
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This week's YouTube link for Sunday—<https://www.youtube.com/live/JSADbNfKQDI>

General Conference 2024

The United Methodist General Conference will be taking place April 23-May 3rd, 2024 in Charlotte, NC. The last General Conference was to take place in 2020, but was cancelled due to COVID. Delegates for this conference come from 5 continents (55.9% US-32% Africa-6% Philippines-4.6% Europe). There is a lot to achieve during these few days, including 1,099 valid petitions, 26 plenary sessions, 18 worship services, 14 legislative committees and 9 special addresses & celebrations. All this business is conducted in 10 spoken languages with the assistance of interpreters. To learn more about General Conference, check out this webpage—

www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020/resources

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

If you have a joy or concern let us know! wumcoffice@wesleyhopeconnection.org

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 involved in the wonderful **Anastasia** production at Marshfield High School.
- For the 4 students from **Marshfield High School** going to Nationals for their skills competition.

CONCERNS:

- **Ardis A.** – Health.
- For **Mary E.** whose arm is bothering her.
- For **Bonnie** (friend of Deb T.) who is losing her battle with cancer.
- For the father of **Penny's daughter-in-law** who had emergency surgery Saturday.

HOMEBOUND: Joan B. Ruth S. Dorothy D. Shirley S. Ardis A.

OTHERS:

- For the **Auburndale** students who will be driving their tractors to school this week.
- For the people of **Palestine, Israel,** and now **Iran** who are victims of violence brought by their leaders.
- For the family of **Jane Gray** who passed away last Tuesday.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

REACHING UP TO WORSHIP GOD | REACHING OUT TO SERVE OTHERS | REACHING IN TO GROW TOGETHER