

10TH 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

Kristine L.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Doug

CENTERING TIME

Kristine L.

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Joel T.

Joel: Great is the Lord, God, and greatly to be praised in all the earth!

All: God's greatness is unsearchable; God's mighty power is everlasting.

Joel: Thus, we humble ourselves before the Lord, confessing our transgressions.

All: We threw ourselves upon God's mercy, and trust in God's unending grace.

Joel: We know there is forgiveness with the Lord, so God may be revered.

All: There is eternal hope in the promise of God's transforming love.

+OPENING HYMN

Your Love, O God

UMH # 120

+OPENING PRAYER (UNISON):

Joel T.

Merciful God, from the beginning, you have offered us nothing but your fullest being. You created all there is, seen and unseen, and you planted the seeds for possibilities too numerous to count. Made in your Divine image, you filled us with your Holy Spirit of connection. You continually reach out to us, day by day, and invite us (in every moment) to grow more deeply in our relationships. But time and time again, we have wandered away from the path you set before us. We fail to live according to your commandments, and we do things that harm ourselves and those around us. Forgive us, O God! Find us where we have gotten ourselves lost. Give us the strength (and courage) to do the hard work of reconciliation, with you and with those we have hurt. Renew in us a spirit of humility and compassion, that we might move in a new direction, embracing the freedom that comes from your mercy and grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

+SILENT PRAYER

+SHARING THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Doug

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Joel T.

In the spring, when kings go off to war, David sent Joab, along with his servants and all the Israelites, and they destroyed the Ammonites, attacking the city of Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem. ² One evening, David got up from his couch and was pacing back and forth on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. ³ David sent someone and inquired about the woman. The report came back: "Isn't this Eliam's daughter Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" ⁴ So David sent messengers to take her. When she came to him, he had sex with her. (Now she had been purifying herself after her monthly period.) Then she returned home. ⁵ The woman conceived and sent word to David. "I'm pregnant," she said. ⁶ Then David sent a message to Joab: "Send me Uriah the Hittite." So Joab sent Uriah to David. ⁷ When Uriah came to him, David asked about the welfare of Joab and the army and how the battle was going. ⁸ Then David told Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. ⁹ However, Uriah slept at the palace entrance with all his master's servants. He didn't go down to his own house. ¹⁰ David was told, "Uriah didn't go down to his own house," so David asked Uriah, "Haven't you just returned from a journey? Why didn't you go home?" ¹¹ "The chest and Israel and Judah are all living in tents," Uriah told David. "And my master Joab and my master's troops are camping in the open field. How could I go home and eat, drink, and have sex with my wife? I swear on your very life, I will not do that!" ¹² Then David told Uriah, "Stay here one more day. Tomorrow I'll send you back." So Uriah stayed in Jerusalem that day. The next day ¹³ David called for him, and he ate and drank, and David got him drunk. In the evening Uriah went out to sleep in the same place, alongside his master's servants, but he did not go down to his own home. ¹⁴ The next morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. ¹⁵ He wrote in the letter, "Place Uriah at the front of the fiercest battle, and then pull back from him so that he will be struck down and die."

MESSAGE

"Confess"

Pastor Doug

Humbling ourselves before God and one another

HYMN

God, How Can We Forgive

TFWS # 2169

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Joel T.

OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH # 95

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+PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON):

Joel T.

God of Grace, you have given us the blessed gifts of your forgiveness, encompassing our whole lives and beings, and freeing us to be the people (and communities) you made us to be. Accept these, our humble offerings, as signs of our deepest gratitude. May these be tools to help further your kingdom-bringing healing, repairing brokenness, and transforming lives. Amen.

JOYS & CONCERNS—JULY BIRTHDAYS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH # 895

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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

We Utter Our Cry

UMH # 439

+BENEDICTION

Pastor Doug

POSTLUDE

Kristine L.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULY'S NOISY Can SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Marshfield Area Special Olympics offers year round sports activities for cognitive disabled athletes. At all the of the competitions there are free health screenings, dental checkups, eye exams with free glasses, if needed, free hearing tests and foot exams. Most of the athletes are on a very low income and cannot afford to pay for any of these activities.

The areas that Special Olympics serve are athletes from Marshfield, Auburndale, Pittsville, Vesper, Stratford, Spencer, Greenwood and Colby.

Special Olympics do fundraisers to help pay cost of rental on training facilities . Also the cost of uniforms, equipment needed for each sport, transportation to competitions and lunch while at competition, transportation being the most costly.

All money raised local stays local.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 5: CRAIG J.
- 5: EMILY C.
- 6: MILES C.
- 8: SHIRLEY S.
- 21: KARALEE L.
- 22: JESSICA M.
- 23: JACOB C.
- 25: TIFFANY M.
- 29: JOAN B.



WESLEY'S NEXT WEEK TO STAFF
THE SOS FOOD PANTRY IS
AUGUST 12TH-16TH.

NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME !

This week's YouTube link for Sunday—

<https://www.youtube.com/live/8lmbM5oiQ1s>



WHEN POLITICS AND SYSTEMS OF THE WORLD THREATEN TO DIVIDE US; PRINCE OF PEACE, REIGN IN US.

"AND LET THE PEACE OF CHRIST RULE IN YOUR HEARTS, TO WHICH INDEED YOU WERE CALLED IN THE ONE BODY. AND BE THANKFUL." - COLOSSIANS 3:15

MORE ELECTION RESOURCES AVAILABLE
JOIN THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT AT
WICHURCHES.ORG/ELECTIONS

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 **Cheryl** and **Steven R.** on their joining the church.
- For **Steve R.** whose last chemo was last Wednesday.
- For **Shar** (*friend of Mary E.*) whose health is improving.
- For **Janice** (*grandmother of Rachel S.*) whose vision is getting better.
- For **Barb** (*aunt of Rachel S.*) who is recovering from back surgery.

CONCERNS:

- For **Rani** (Friend of Rachel S.) whose knee recovery has been more difficult.

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

OTHERS:

- For **firefighters** and **emergency responders.**
- For the family of **Rita** (*wife of Mark M.'s friend*) who passed away.
- For those traveling to and participating in **EAA Airventure** in Oshkosh this week.
- For all those involved with the **2024 Olympics** that are starting in Paris.
- For **victims of gun violence** (at campaign rallies, in our schools, in our churches, and in our communities).