

# 4TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

+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*

## BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (UNISON)

*Pastor Doug*

**God, we do not know what to do, but You do. Open our hearts, eyes, and minds to You. Amen.**

## CENTERING TIME

*Sharwin G.*

## +CALL TO WORSHIP

*Joel T.*

Joel: Give thanks to the Lord, for our God is good.

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever and ever.**

Joel: The Lord's righteousness delivers and rescues us.

**All: God is our rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save.**

Joel: In the Lord, we all find an eternity of hope and of trust,

**All: for, together with God, we live into the most perfect love.**

## +OPENING HYMN

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

UMH # 117

## +OPENING PRAYER (UNISON):

*Joel T.*

**God of the Ages, long before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame, you were there. You took an active role in Creation, bringing all things into being and guiding them to your purpose. You shaped our bodies, minds, spirits into reflections of your goodness. And you give us opportunity for right-relationship. Day by day, moment by moment, you invite us to participate with you. But, too often, we take your involvement for granted. We assume your desires and intentions align with ours, prioritizing our achievements instead of grounding ourselves in what truly matters. Forgive us, O God! Speak once more into our hearts. Stir up in us a spirit and desire to embrace your way of being, for ourselves and for those around us. Fill us with your gifts of faith and hope, that we might have the courage we need to bear witness to your love in all that we say and do. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

## +SILENT PRAYER

## +SHARING THE PEACE

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Pastor Doug*

## SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

*Joel T.*

If I speak in tongues of human beings and of angels but I don't have love, I'm a clanging gong or a clashing cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and I know all the mysteries and everything else, and if I have such complete faith that I can move mountains but I don't have love, I'm nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away everything that I have and hand over my own body to feel good about what I've done but I don't have love, I receive no benefit whatsoever. <sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind, it isn't jealous, it doesn't brag, it isn't arrogant, <sup>5</sup> it isn't rude, it doesn't seek its own advantage, it isn't irritable, it doesn't keep a record of complaints, <sup>6</sup> it isn't happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth. <sup>7</sup> Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup> Love never fails. As for prophecies, they will be brought to an end. As for tongues, they will stop. As for knowledge, it will be brought to an end. <sup>9</sup> We know in part and we prophesy in part; <sup>10</sup> but when the perfect comes, what is partial will be brought to an end. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, reason like a child, think like a child. But now that I have become a man, I've put an end to childish things. <sup>12</sup> Now we see a reflection in a mirror; then we will see face-to-face. Now I know partially, but then I will know completely in the same way that I have been completely known. <sup>13</sup> Now faith, hope, and love remain—these three things—and the greatest of these is love.

## SERMON

**"With the Greatest of These"**  
*Witnessing to God's love in all things*

*Pastor Doug*

## HYMN

*The Gift of Love*

UMH # 408

## COMMUNITY PRAYER

*Joel T.*

## OFFERTORY

## +DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH # 95

## +PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Joel T.*

**Almighty God, there has never been a time or place when you were not present and engaged in our lives. You see us, you know our inmost being, and you continue to encourage us toward growth. In gratitude for all we have received, we offer up these gifts of time, talent, and treasure. May they be signs of our continued willingness to actively participate in the sharing of our love. Amen.**

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## FEBRUARY 2, 2025

*If you do not feel comfortable speaking your joy or concern aloud, please complete a prayer card and pass it toward the center aisle. Pastor will collect the cards as we sing the following hymn:*

**PRAYER HYMN** *Live in Charity—3X* TFWS # 2179

**JOY AND CONCERNS**

**HOLY COMMUNION** UMH # 9-11

**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** *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* TFWS # 2223

**+BENEDICTION** *Pastor Doug*

**POSTLUDE** *Sharwin G.*

# LOVE

Is patient and is kind  
Doesn't envy  
Doesn't brag  
Is not proud  
Doesn't behave itself inappropriately  
Doesn't seek its own way  
Is not provoked  
Takes no account of evil  
Doesn't rejoice in unrighteousness  
Rejoices with the truth  
Bears all things  
Believes all things  
Hopes all things  
Endures all things  
Never fails

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8



### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FEBRUARY NOISY CAN LAST SUPPER PERFORMANCE

We will once again be presenting "The Last Supper" on Monday, April 14th and Wednesday, April 16th. This month's noisy can will go to offset the expenses for the production. Please support the efforts for the recreation of the Last Supper.



Photo Credit.—Kelly H.

## SOUP OR SOCKS

Soup or Socks has asked Wesley to collect donations of **soup (canned or packaged)** and **crackers** during the month of February. There is a collection box for your donations in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider helping the food pantry out. - Thank you-



*Thanks,* Wesley Family, for opening your purses and emptying your pockets for our January Noisy Can collection. We will be sharing a gift of \$49.61 with the Wisconsin Council of Churches to help support their work in communities throughout our state.



This week's YouTube link for Sunday Worship Service  
[https://www.youtube.com/live/orerE6\\_J0b0](https://www.youtube.com/live/orerE6_J0b0)

## SOUP OR SOCKS

Wesley's next week to staff SOS is  
**February 10-14, 2025.**

Please let Jackie know if you are able to volunteer. New volunteers WELCOMED.

## UPCOMING FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

- 7: Delene R.
- 7: Kenneth A.
- 9: Waleen S.



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

**If you have a joy or concern let us know!** [wumcoffice@wesleyhopeconnection.org](mailto: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 the **Church** around the world, including our ecumenical partners here in Marshfield.
- For those who are continuing the legacy of **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

#### CONCERNS:

- For safe travels for **Larry and Yvonne S.**

**HOMEBOUND:** Ruth S. Dorothy D. Shirley S. Ardis A.

#### OTHERS:

- For those impacted by the fires in **Los Angeles** and **Southern California.**
- For the **emergency responders** and **prisoners** who are fighting the fires.
- For the people of **Palestine** and **Israel** as possibility of a ceasefire becomes more real.
- For those affected by the winter weather, especially those without shelter.