

## 3RD 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

*Marilyn S.-K.*

Marilyn: The heavens are telling the glory of our God,

**All: and the firmament proclaims their handiwork.**

Marilyn: By God's grace, all were made to be the one body,

**All: arranged and ordered for the purposes of the Lord.**

Marilyn: As servants with Christ, equipped by God's Holy Spirit,

**All: we offer up praise and thanksgiving, rejoicing together.**

### +OPENING HYMN

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

UMH # 62

### +OPENING PRAYER (UNISON):

*Marilyn S.-K.*

**Eternal God, all of Creation offers its praise to you. You brought all things into being, not as separate elements, but woven together. You nurture their many connections, and you give them purpose. Within this great tapestry, you continue to fill us with your breath and life. You bestow upon us the variety of gifts by your Spirit. And you call us to be in community with all your beloved children. And yet, we do not always embrace these ties that bind. We insist on making our own order, setting ourselves up as greater while distancing ourselves from those you would have us love and serve. Forgive us, O God! Remind us that we are not alone, but rather are members of one body in Christ. Renew in us your Spirit of compassion, that we might recognize one another as fellow siblings. Teach us how to live, with faith and with courage, in ways that honor your vision and embody your goodness for all people. In the name of Jesus, Christ, we pray. Amen.**

### +SILENT PRAYER

### +SHARING THE PEACE

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Pastor Doug*

### SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

*Marilyn S.-K.*

<sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> Certainly the body isn't one part but many. <sup>15</sup> 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? <sup>16</sup> 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? <sup>17</sup> 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? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God has placed each one of the parts in the body just like he wanted. <sup>19</sup> If all were one and the same body part, what would happen to the body? <sup>20</sup> But as it is, there are many parts but one body. <sup>21</sup> 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." <sup>22</sup> Instead, the parts of the body that people think are the weakest are the most necessary. <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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 <sup>25</sup> so that there won't be division in the body and so the parts might have mutual concern for each other. <sup>26</sup> If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory, all the parts celebrate with it. <sup>27</sup> You are the body of Christ and parts of each other. <sup>28</sup> In the church, God has appointed first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, the ability to help others, leadership skills, different kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> All aren't apostles, are they? All aren't prophets, are they? All aren't teachers, are they? All don't perform miracles, do they? <sup>30</sup> All don't have gifts of healing, do they? All don't speak in different tongues, do they? All don't interpret, do they? <sup>31</sup> Use your ambition to try to get the greater gifts.

### SERMON

**"As Members of the Body"**  
*Rejoicing and suffering together in Christ*

*Pastor Doug*

### HYMN

*Together We Serve*

TFWS # 2175

### COMMUNITY PRAYER

*Marilyn S.-K.*

### OFFERTORY

### +DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH # 95

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## January 26, 2025

### +PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Marilyn S.-K.

Holy God, by your grace, you bridge the spaces between us. You connect our hearts with your love, and you fill us to overflowing with the gifts of your Spirit, so that we might be united in you. Accept these tithes and offerings as signs of our gratitude. May they be a witness to your abiding presence among us as we seek to live faithfully, together as one, in your name. Amen.

*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

*Come, Now O Prince of Peace—Verse 1—3X*

TFWS # 2232

### JOY AND CONCERNS

### -JANUARY BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS | BIRTHDAY SONG

### 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

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

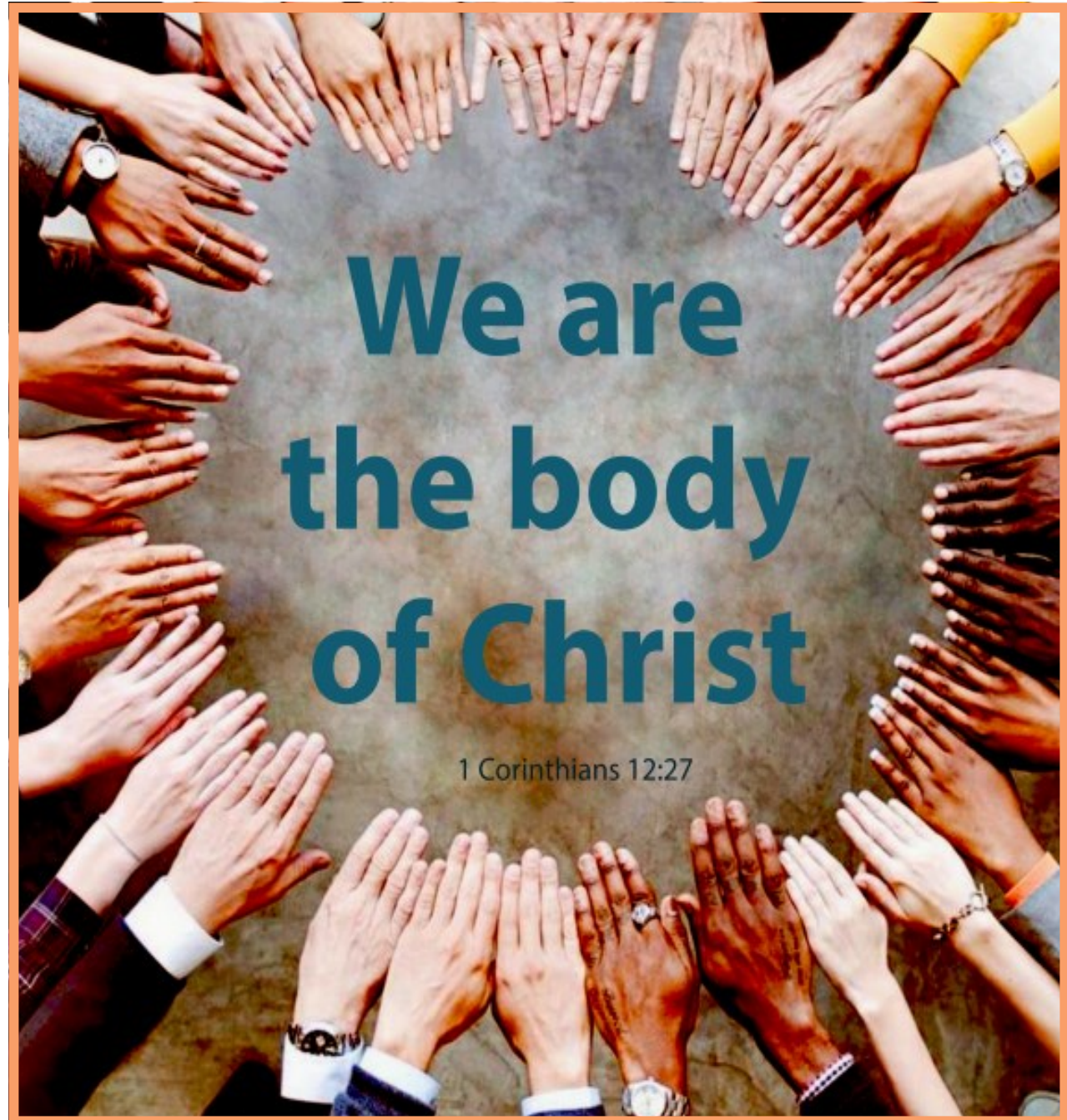
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### +BENEDICTION

Pastor Doug

### POSTLUDE

Sharwin G.



### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## January NOISY can WISCONSIN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The **Wisconsin Council of Churches (WCC)** is a network of Christian churches and faith-based organizations “committed to working together across our many differences”. Bringing together 21 Christian traditions (totaling approximately 2,000 congregations and over one million members) in the state of Wisconsin, WCC provides resources, conversation, and partnerships that enable people (and communities) of faith to live into God’s vision for their congregations and the world.

In practice, this has included vaccinating people, debunking misinformation, assisting immigrants, coordinating mutual aide, and telling important stories that might otherwise be lost in the busyness of our time. They accompany congregations beginning a restorative action journey, amplify the impact of members’ investments with their Community Investment Program, advocate for truth-telling and right relations, and much more!

Our contributions will help the WCC continue their ongoing work of supporting us— clergy and laity, leaders, staffers, and volunteers—in being human, connected, courageous, imaginative and faithful.

### Upcoming Dates/Events

**Sunday, January 26:** We will be welcoming Scott Seeger of the Wood County Aging & Disabilities Resource Center to lead our initial training in becoming a more dementia-friendly congregation. The training will last an hour or so, with time afterwards for Q&A. Everyone is encouraged to attend and to participate, as this will greatly help us all in our efforts to expand our outreach to and ministry with those living with dementia, Alzheimer’s, and Parkinson’s (and their caregivers).

### January BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

2: Rachel S.

9: Darlene W.

9: Londyn K.

24: Marge K.

30: Mary E.



This week’s **YouTube** link for Sunday Worship Service  
[https://www.youtube.com/live/zPmaxunE\\_jM](https://www.youtube.com/live/zPmaxunE_jM)

**YouTube** link if you cannot attend the training in person after Sunday’s Worship Service  
INITIAL TRAINING: How to Become a More Dementia Friendly Church  
<https://www.youtube.com/live/0Z48Ycu0lCo>



**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.

#### 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.