

Wesley United Methodist Church

Worship Sundays 9 AM

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+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Larry S.

God of Glory, your majesty is beyond anything we have ever known. And yet, your greatest desire is relationship with us-a relationship that nurtures the most abundant living (in all its fullness). As we celebrate what we have received, may our gratitude lead us to action, with the offerings we share and the songs we echo helping deepen our connection to all your beloved children. Amen.

PRAYER HYMN

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful (x2)

TFWS # 2195

JOYS & CONCERNS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Doug

+CLOSING HYMN

God Will Make a Way

(on the screen)

+BENEDICTION

Pastor Doug

POSTLUDE

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus



And we know
that in all things
God works for the
good of those
who love him,
who have been called
according to
His purpose.
Romans 8:28

9th 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	God Is Here I Love to Tell the Story As the Deer	
GREETING & WELCOME	Pastor Doug	
BREAKTHROUGH SIGHTINGS		
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	Dios Esta Aqui	
+CALL TO WORSHIP	Larry S.	
Larry: From across great distances; in the everyday moments of our being,		
All: God calls us all together, shaping us into the very illness of Christ.		
Larry: Whether our joy is overflowing, or sorrow leaves us unable to speak,		
All: God’s Spirit intercedes on our behalf, with sighs too deep for words.		
Larry: God sustains us in the midst of our brokenness, offering life renewed,		
All: showing up at all times and places, proving that their love is forever.		
+OPENING HYMN	Holy, Holy Holy!	UMH # 64
+OPENING PRAYER (UNISON):	Larry S.	

Almighty God, all things in heaven and earth give praise to you. They declare your glory and proclaim your majesty, filling the universe with wonderous song, as Creation cries out, “Holy, holy, holy!” At the same time, your greatness can be found in the still, quiet moments throughout our lives. You move among us, by the presence of your Spirit, and you call us to grow in relationship with you. But, too often, we set ourselves apart. We’re convinced that we are unworthy of your love; we worry about being tied down unnecessarily; or we think that we can simply do better on our own. Forgive us, O God! Remind us that we are not alone, that your presence is near to us, here and now. Raise up the music (and the sighing) of our hearts, especially when we do not know what to say. Guide us as we journey along every twist and turn, that no matter what we encounter (no matter what life throws our way), we might never be separated from you. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

+SILENT PRAYER		
+SHARING THE PEACE		
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE	Pastor Doug	
SCRIPTURE READING	Romans 8:26-39	Larry S.
²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit comes to help our weakness. We don’t know what we should pray, but the Spirit himself pleads our case with unexpressed groans. ²⁷ The one who searches hearts knows how the Spirit thinks, because he pleads for the saints, consistent with God’s will. ²⁸ We know that God works all things together for good for the ones who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ We know this because God knew them in advance, and he decided in advance that they would be conformed to the image of his Son. That way his Son would be the first of many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ Those who God decided in advance would be conformed to his Son, he also called. Those whom he called, he also made righteous. Those whom he made righteous, he also glorified. ³¹ So what are we going to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He didn’t spare his own Son but gave him up for us all. Won’t he also freely give us all things with him? ³³ Who will bring a charge against God’s elect people? It is God who acquits them. ³⁴ Who is going to convict them? It is Christ Jesus who died, even more, who was raised, and who also is at God’s right side. It is Christ Jesus who also pleads our case for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from Christ’s love? Will we be separated by trouble, or distress, or harassment, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, <i>We are being put to death all day long for your sake. We are treated like sheep for slaughter.</i> ³⁷ But in all these things we win a sweeping victory through the one who loved us. ³⁸ I’m convinced that nothing can separate us from God’s love in Christ Jesus our Lord: not death or life, not angels or rulers, not present things or future things, not powers ³⁹ or height or depth, or any other thing that is created.		
SERMON	“Inseparable” Remembering that God is always near to us	Pastor Doug
UMH # 361 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me TFWS # 2219 Goodness Is Stronger Evil UMH # 467 Trust and Obey (V.1,2, & 4) TFWS # 2199 Stay with Us (V.1,2, & 4)		
COMMUNITY PRAYER	Larry S.	
OFFERTORY	O Holy Spirit, Root of Life	
+DOXOLOGY	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH # 95

This week's YouTube link for Sunday—

https://www.youtube.com/live/xkZgix_SSaA

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 **Barb** (*friend of Penny M.*), who is recovering well from recent surgery.
- For **Shar** (*friend of Mary E.*), whose birthday was last Friday (7/17).

CONCERNS:

- For **Kathy** (*sister of Rebecca N.*), who was hospitalized last week for blood clots.
- For **Murphy**, our dachshund, who has been sick. (*Nolan H.*)
- For **Laura** (*daughter-in-law of Penny M.*), dealing with the discovery of another spot.
- For **Wanda** (*member of TOPS group*), who was hospitalized in Stevens Point.
- For **Mike** (*husband of Wanda*), who was hospitalized in Madison with a brain bleed (after an accident involving a tree.)

HOMEBOUND: Dorothy D. Shirley S. Ardis A. Marge K.

OTHERS

- For the family of **Norm S.**, a retired pastor, who passed away on Saturday (7/18).
- For those affected by wildfires in **Colorado, Minnesota, Ontario**, and elsewhere.
- For those risking their lives to fight the fires and to rescue people in danger.
- For those giving their time, talent, and resources to help folks displaced by the fires.

This week, we saw God “breaking through”...

- ...in a neighbor sending emails about good, positive news in the world. (*Rebecca N.*)
- ...in several deer (including the doe and triplets) bedding down in the yard. (*Penny M.*)
- ...in the swans on the marshes during my drive to Tomah. (*Kelly H.*)
- ...in plants blooming beautifully in the midst of drought, the fruit of hard work. (*Jeff N.*)
- ...in the robins raising (and defending) their chicks near the out-building. (*Joel T.*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULY'S NOISY Can

Marshfield Area 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 Birthday Blessings

July 5: Craig J.

July 8: Shirley S.

July 21: Karalee L.

July 25: Tiffany M.



Our next week of service is August 31st through September 4th, helping out on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Please see Jackie if you are able to volunteer. New volunteers welcomed.

PUB THEOLOGY with Good Shepherd Lutheran

Wednesday, August 5 @ 6 PM

Scotty's Pizza | Pub Topic: Is Ours the Only Way?



Come for a time of fellowship as we explore our doubts and wonderings together. Engage with others, share perspectives, and grow through meaningful conversation and learning.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Help the Red Cross overcome an **emergency blood shortage** so patient care isn't at risk! Without lifesaving blood, emergency rooms can't function; maternity wards can't operate; cancer patients must wait. Your blood donation is urgently needed now. Red Cross asks **eligible donors to give blood** at the Marshfield Community Blood Drive at Wesley United Methodist Church on **Tuesday August 11th** from 10am to 3pm. **All who come to give blood in August receive a \$20 Amazon Gift Card by email, from the American Red Cross!**

SUNDAY, August 2nd

Ladies—Add some flare to your faith on Sunday, August 2nd by donning your favorite church hat.

This is not a requirement for worship, but an optional fun activity to partake in.

See Penny if you have any questions!



HAPPY MOMENTS,
Praise God.
DIFFICULT MOMENTS,
Seek God.
QUIET MOMENTS,
Worship God.
PAINFUL MOMENTS,
Trust God.
EVERY MOMENT,
Thank God.

Notes

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

reaching UP TO WORSHIP GOD | reaching OUT TO serve others | reaching IN TO grow together