

Wesley United Methodist Church

Worship Sundays 9 AM

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+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Karalee L.

God of Presence, you continually make yourself known, through every moment of life's journey. You stir us from complacency, comfort us in distress, and free us to move faithfully along your way. With ever-grateful hearts, we lay before you all that we are carrying, surrendering our gifts (and our burdens). By your grace, may our sharing help bring about your liberating vision for all. Amen.

PRAYER HYMN

Surely the Presence of the Lord (x2)

UMH # 328

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION FOR THE SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL

Leader: God of Grace...

People:....hear our prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION

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

This Is My Song

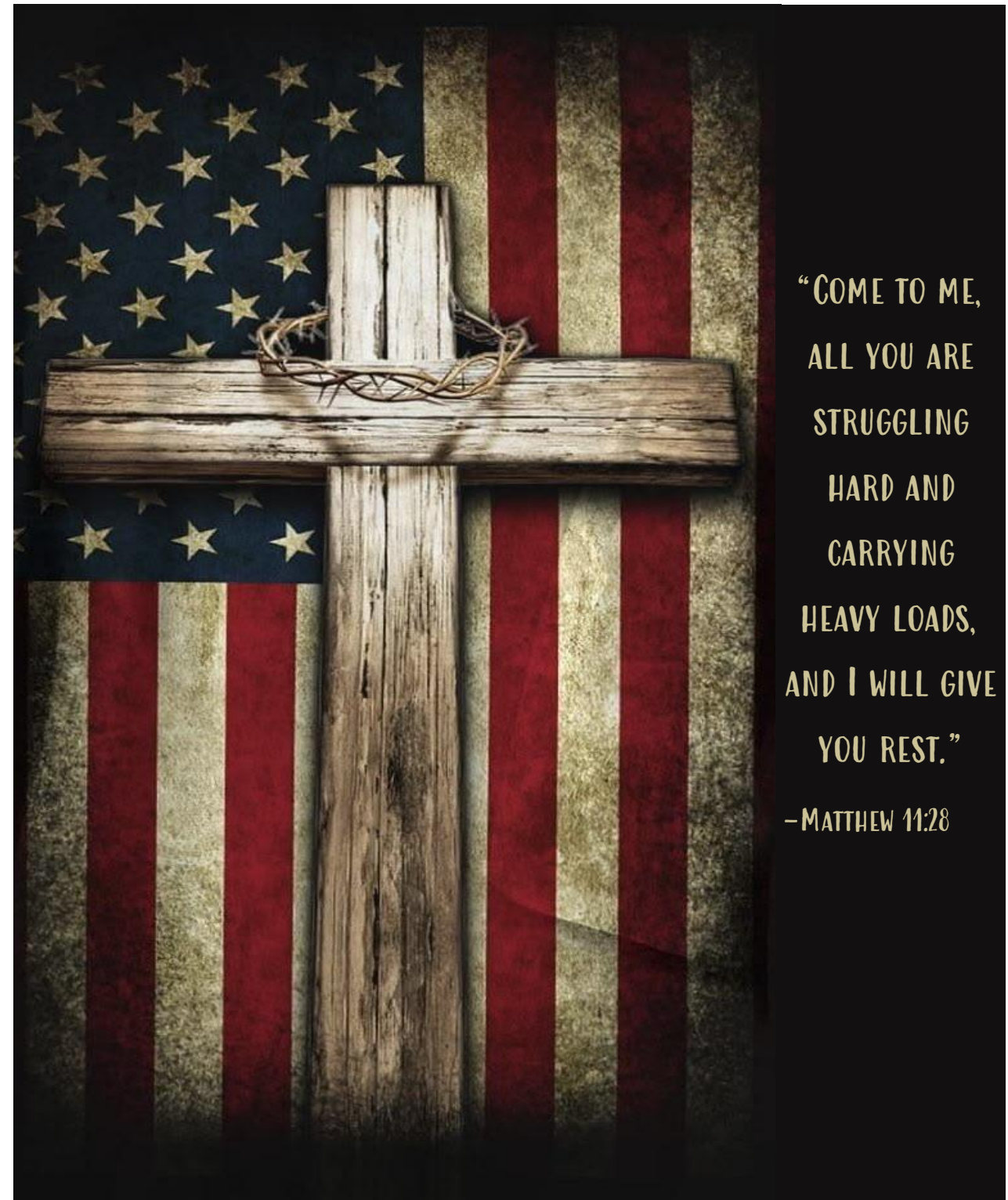
UMH # 437

+BENEDICTION

Pastor Doug

POSTLUDE

O Freedom



“COME TO ME,
ALL YOU ARE
STRUGGLING
HARD AND
CARRYING
HEAVY LOADS,
AND I WILL GIVE
YOU REST.”

—MATTHEW 11:28

6th 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 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing | Blessed Be the God of Israel | Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Fest*

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 *The Lone, Wild Bird*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *Karalee L.*

Karalee: From the comfort of what is well-known, from difficulty and hardship,

All: we come to worship God, who welcomes our most important selves.

Karalee: When certainty gets the better of us, when we think we know for sure,

All: God breaks through into our lives, confounding our every expectation.

Karalee: Even now, God's Spirit is creating, making us part of something greater,

All: offering rest for our weary souls and the promise of a lasting freedom.

+OPENING HYMN *This Is My Father's World* *UMH # 144*

+OPENING PRAYER (UNISON): *Karalee L.*

Holy God, you are the Lord of Creation. You reign over all things in heaven and on earth, and they, in turn, proclaim your majesty. Even rocks and trees, skies and seas, offer praise to your glory. At the same time, you are here, among us. You meet us in the spaces where we are, you fill our lives to overflowing with your Spirit, and you invite us, always, into deeper relationship with you. Yet, we struggle to answer. Life pulls in so many different directions, voices of the world tempt us to other pathways. We worry that we won't have what it takes, and we fear what it will cost us. Forgive us, O God! Remind us that you are, in the liminal, in-between spaces of our lives. Speak wisdom and grace, that we might recognize you with our hearts and find our spirits renewed. Help us to step out boldly in faith, with the courage to embrace your call and the power to embody your witness for all the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

+SILENT PRAYER

+SHARING THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Pastor Doug*

+GOSPEL READING *Matthew 11:16-30* *Karalee L.*

¹⁶ "To what will I compare this generation? It is like a child sitting in the marketplaces calling out to others, ¹⁷ 'We played the flute for you and you didn't dance. We sang a funeral song and you didn't mourn.' ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' ¹⁹ Yet the Human One came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunk, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved to be right by her works." ²⁰ Then he began to scold the cities where he had done his greatest miracles because they didn't change their hearts and lives. ²¹ "How terrible it will be for you, Chorazin! How terrible it will be for you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles done among you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have changed their hearts and lives and put on funeral clothes and ashes a long time ago. ²² But I say to you that Tyre and Sidon will be better off on Judgment Day than you. ²³ And you, Capernaum, will you be honored by being raised up to heaven? No, you will be thrown down to the place of the dead. After all, if the miracles that were done among you had been done in Sodom, it would still be here today. ²⁴ But I say to you that it will be better for the land of Sodom on the Judgment Day than it will be for you." ²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you've hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have shown them to babies. ²⁶ Indeed, Father, this brings you happiness. ²⁷ "My Father has handed all things over to me. No one knows the Son except the Father. And nobody knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him. ²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Put on my yoke, and learn from me. I'm gentle and humble. And you will find rest for yourselves. ³⁰ My yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light."

SERMON **"True Freedom"** *Pastor Doug*
Accepting and embracing the liberating power of Christ

HYMN *Wounded World that Cries for Healing* *TFWS # 2177*

COMMUNITY PRAYER *Karalee L.*

OFFERTORY *Lord of All Hopefulness*

+DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* *UMH # 95*

This week's YouTube link for Sunday—

<https://www.youtube.com/live/tbPY9yJa4i0>

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 a **friend of Mary E.**, who celebrated a birthday recently.
- For **Kay** (*sister of Karalee L.*), whose recent procedure went well.

CONCERNS:

- For **Megan** (*niece of Karalee L.*), who is awaiting the results of her recent biopsy.
- For **Steph** (*friend of Sharwin G.*), who is home and recovering from successful surgery.
- For **an acquaintance** of Pastor Doug, whose friend died from the recent extreme heat in Britain.

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

OTHERS

- For those affected by flooding on Peach Street, during recent storms.
- For those who suffered damage during the hailstorm last Wednesday (June 24).
- For the people of **Venezuela** who are suffering in the aftermath of a devastating earthquake.
- For our **Haitian** and **Syrian** neighbors who, overnight, have had protected status stripped away.
- For those seeking refuge and asylum from life threatening situations, but being turned away.

This week, we saw God "breaking through"...

- ...in the faith of a woman who sat by the bedside of her husband. (*Rebecca N.*)
- ...in the beauty and majesty of the Alaskan landscape and wildlife. (*Karalee L.*)
- ...in God's Spirit moving through music (and growing our understanding). (*Yvonne S.*)

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 BIRTHDAYS

July 5: Craig J.

July 8: Shirley S.



Thanks for opening your purses and emptying your pockets for our June Noisy Can collection. We raised **\$129.55** to be donated to the Marshfield Area Respite Care Center, which is located right here in our church building. Thanks so much for supporting their important mission.

PUB THEOLOGY with Good Shepherd Lutheran

Wednesday, July 15 @ 6 PM

Scotty's Pizza | Pub Topic: Who is my neighbor?



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.

Hub City Days (*noun*)

Hub City Days (*hŭb sīt'ē dāz*): An annual community celebration featuring live music, delicious food, family-friendly activities, local shopping, and opportunities to connect with friends and neighbors. Known for its lively atmosphere, hometown pride, and memorable experiences, Hub City Days brings the community together for a weekend of fun and entertainment.

Example: "We'll be spending Saturday at Hub City Days volunteering for our community."

Hub City Days is July 23rd through July 25th in Downtown Marshfield. This event is hosted by Mainstreet Marshfield with many generous sponsorships.

HUB CITY DAYS

Please consider signing up to volunteer at Hub City Days on **Saturday, July 25!**

Three volunteer shifts are available: 11:00 AM–1:00 PM, 1:00–3:00 PM, and 3:00–5:00 PM. We hope to have at least four volunteers for each shift, though additional helpers are always welcome. You would be assisting guests, monitoring trash cans, and taking bags to dumpsters as needed.

Sign-up sheets are available in the Fellowship Hall.

Join us as we connect with our community beyond the church walls!

Notes

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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