

Wesley United Methodist Church

Worship Sundays 9 AM

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JOYS & CONCERNS

Leader: God of Grace...

People:...hear our prayer.

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

Jackie Z.

+CLOSING HYMN

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

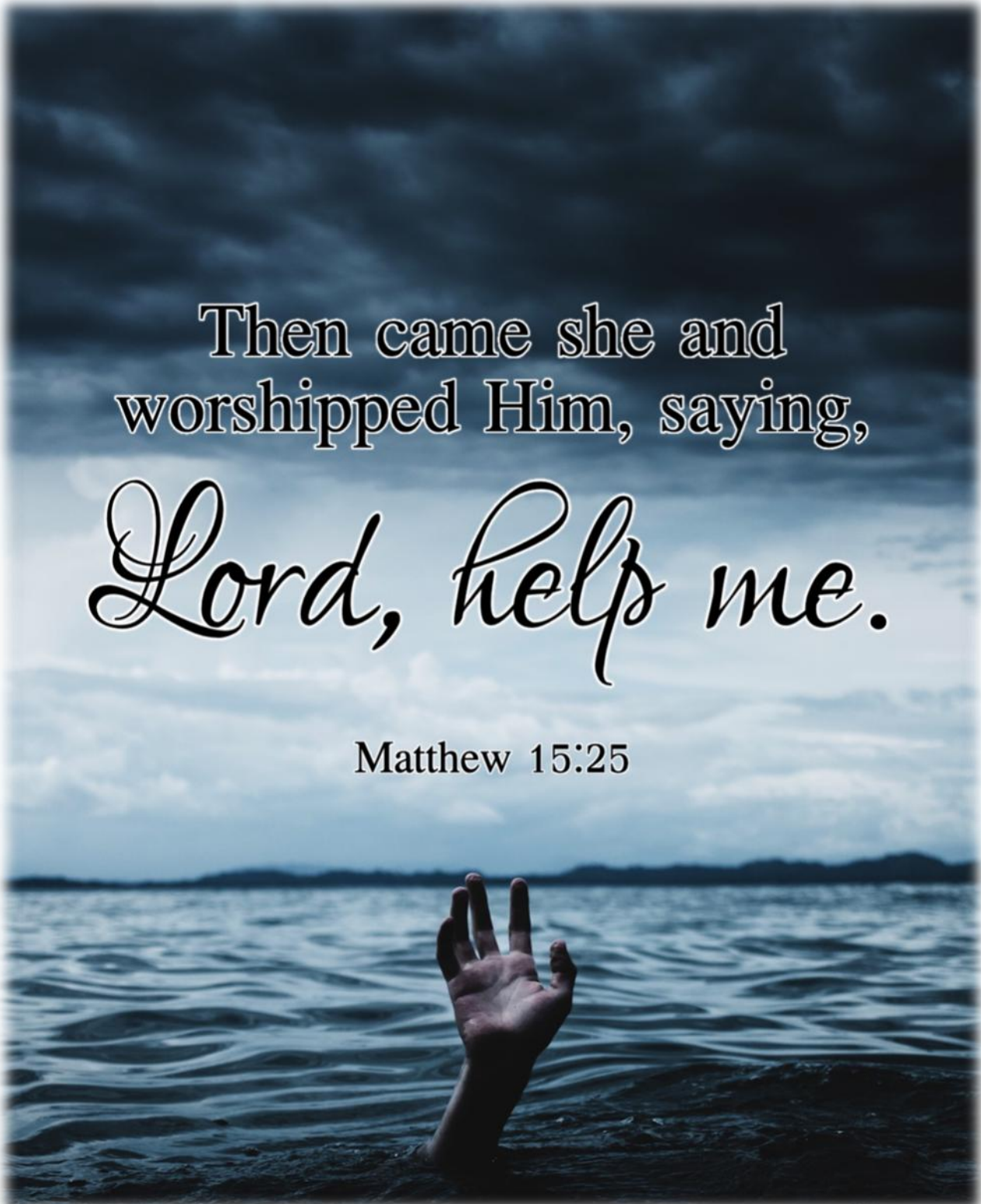
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+BENEDICTION

Jackie Z.

POSTLUDE

Song of Hope



Then came she and
worshipped Him, saying,

Lord, help me.

Matthew 15:25

12th 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	My Hope Is Built Lord, I Want to Be a Christian Healer of Our Every Ill	
GREETING & WELCOME		Jackie Z.
BREAKTHROUGH SIGHTINGS		
BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (UNISON)		Jackie Z.
God, we do not know what to do, but You do. Open our hearts, eyes, and minds to You. Amen.		
CENTERING TIME	Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying	
+CALL TO WORSHIP		Jackie Z.
Jackie: For the gathered faithful-worshipping, praying, and serving together,		
All: God is ever-present, moving through the body, raising up goodness.		
Jackie: For those on the margins, whose faith defies what life hurls their way,		
All: we receive the wonderous gift of God’s saving (and sanctifying) grace.		
Jackie: God sustains us in the midst of our brokenness, offering life renewed,		
All: freeing us to live God’s way and to share God’s hope for every child.		
+OPENING HYMN	Great Is Thy Faithfulness	UMH # 140
+OPENING PRAYER (UNISON):		Jackie Z.

Wonderous God, in every moment, you are making yourself known. You have remained faithful to your covenant and Creation, and you continue to work (throughout the whole world) for good. Even now, you journey alongside us. You surround us with endless love and compassion, you reach for us in time of need, and you give us opportunity to share in the bringing forth of your realty. However, there are times when we fall short. We listen to worldly voices; we allow our differences to divide us; we worry much more about our own interests, instead of caring for our neighbors. Forgive us, O God! Help us to see that we are not in this by ourselves (that we are part of something greater). Open our hearts to the ways you are making it possible for us to live, grow, and thrive. Teach us how to move toward each other, so that we might nurture the relationship you have given and lean more fully into the greatness of your coming kin-dom, together. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

+SILENT PRAYER		
+SHARING THE PEACE		
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE		Jackie Z.
+GOSPEL READING	Matthew 15:21-28	Jackie Z.
21 From there, Jesus went to the regions of Tyre and Sidon. 22 A Canaanite woman from those territories came out and shouted, “Show me mercy, Son of David. My daughter is suffering terribly from demon possession.” 23 But he didn’t respond to her at all. His disciples came and urged him, “Send her away; she keeps shouting out after us.” 24 Jesus replied, “I’ve been sent only to the lost sheep, the people of Israel.” 25 But she knelt before him and said, “Lord, help me.” 26 He replied, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and toss it to dogs.” 27 She said, “Yes, Lord. But even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall off their masters’ table.” 28 Jesus answered, “Woman, you have great faith. It will be just as you wish.” And right then her daughter was healed.		
PRESENTATION	The Boys & Girls Club of Marshfield guest speaker: Kaitlyn Konrardy	
HYMN	Jesu, Jesu	UMH # 432
COMMUNITY PRAYER		Jackie Z.
OFFERTORY	What a Friend We Have in Jesus	
+DOXOLOGY	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH # 95
+PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Jackie Z.
Everlasting God, through the ebbing and the flowing of our lives, you remain a constant and faithful companion. You pour out abundance beyond measure, giving us a Word in which we can trust. In gratitude for all you have provided, we offer back our time, talents, and treasures. May they be signs, not only of our commitment today, but of our hope for your promise of tomorrow. Amen.		
PRAYER HYMN	In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful (x2)	TFWS # 2195

This week's YouTube link for Sunday—

<https://www.youtube.com/live/OQp1dVDKavE>

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 the joy of visiting relatives and being able to gather together as a family, recently. (*Karalee L.*)
- For the wonders of nature-rain after so long without, a couple of families of turkey. (*Penny M.*)

CONCERNS:

- For **Matthew**, who is facing surgery to remove a brain tumor. (*Kris and Mark M.*)
- For **Randy** (*former member*), who is facing surgery.
- For **Ann Marie** (*sister-grandmother of Rebecca N.*), who is facing transplant surgery.
- For **Laura** (*daughter-in-law of Penny M.*), who is still waiting for the bigger health picture to be revealed.

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

OTHERS

- For those threatened by wildfires in **Spain, France, Britain, Canada, Pacific Northwest**, and elsewhere.
- For residents of **Wisconsin** (and our country) seeing student loan rates increase (and going into default).
- For thousands of families, providers, and communities affected by the dismantling of **Head Start**.

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

- ...in those volunteering to work the polls, to help people get to their location, to count and record results.
- ...in safe travels (over 2400 miles), and in wondrous celebration of life for Paul (*brother-in-law of Jeff N.*) (*Rebecca N.*)
- ...in the joy of pulling out potatoes that were planted and have grown in the backyard. (*Sharwin G.*)
- ... in the beautiful sharing with friends in nature on the lakes. (*Karalee L.*)
- ...in people helping to clean my niece's place during her treatment. (*Karalee L.*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST'S NOISY can

WISCONSIN DISASTER RESPONSE MINISTRY

When disaster strikes our communities, one of the many organizations that move to respond is the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). They do so by relying on our connectional system - taking in donations from individuals, distributing resources to local churches, and deploying teams of volunteers from the annual conference closest to the affected area.

In Wisconsin, the group that partners with UMCOR to make these things happen is the **Wisconsin Conference Disaster Response Ministry**. By growing relationships and providing training ahead of time, they ensure that we are ready to go when disaster strikes (and that the support is in place for us to stick around until the job is done).

Over the course of the last year, our Disaster Response Ministry has rallied for those affected by the flooding around the Milwaukee area in Aug 2025 and the flooding along the Wolf River in Apr 2026. Even now, they are taking action to reach for those affected by the devastating storms that recently struck Appleton and Neenah-Menasha...and you can help!



Ice Cream with the Pastor

Looking for a way to beat the summer heat? Stop by **Hub City Ice Cream Company** (1610 S Central Ave) on **Monday, August 17** at **6:00 pm** for sweet treats, conversation, and a chance to catch up with folks' summer happenings. Pastor Doug will be there to hang out and listen to your stories.

PUB THEOLOGY with Good Shepherd Lutheran

**Wednesday, August 19
@ 6 PM**

Scotty's Pizza

Pub Topic: *How Does it End?*

Come for time of fellowship.
Engage with others. Grow.

LAST ONE for 2026!

MCCI EXPRESS DAY

Wednesday, August 26

6PM to 9 PM

Take part in this important step of our MCCI process! Enjoy a light supper starting at 6:00 pm, then make your voice heard through discussion and reflection (from 6:30-9:00 pm). The more folks who show up, the better able we will be to embrace God's vision for our congregation.

Donate Supplies for Disaster Recovery

In light of the flooding earlier this year (and the recent storms in Appleton and Neenah-Menasha), Marshfield: Wesley UMC is partnering with the Midwest Mission Distribution Center to collect item donations for the various kits that will be sent to affected communities. We have been asked to give **toothbrushes (single, not multipack)** and **deodorant (2-4 oz. stick, roll-on, or pump)**. Items should be new and unopened.

Bring your donations to the church building and drop them off in the blue bin in fellowship hall. On the first Sunday of September, we will dedicate these gifts (along with our Noisy Can offerings) before sending them off to be distributed.



CONGREGATIONAL PHOTO AND MCCI REPORT

Sunday, August 30th



Join together in our **all-church photo** this year, as we continue to tell the story of God's people in this time and place. **Hear from the MCCI team** as they report on our conversations from our Express Day, and lean into the possibilities that God has in store for us going forward.



SOUP OR SOCKS

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!

Notes

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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