

Wesley United Methodist Church

Worship Sundays 9 AM

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PRAYER HYMN

Lord, Be Glorified (V. 1& 3)

TFWS # 2150

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

Pastor Doug

+CLOSING HYMN

They'll Know We Are Christians

TFWS # 2223

+BENEDICTION

Pastor Doug

POSTLUDE

Nothing Between My Soul and My Savior

Sharwin G.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

reaching up to worship God | reaching out to serve others | reaching in to grow together

WE HAVE DIFFERENT GIFTS, ACCORDING
TO THE GRACE GIVEN TO EACH OF US.
IF YOUR GIFT IS PROPHESYING, THEN

prophecy

IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR FAITH;
IF IT IS SERVING, THEN

serve

IF IT IS TEACHING, THEN

teach

IF IT IS TO ENCOURAGE, THEN

give encouragement

IF IT IS GIVING, THEN

give generously

IF IT IS TO

lead

DO IT DILIGENTLY; IF IT IS TO

show mercy

DO IT CHEERFULLY.

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13th Sunday after Pentecost | UM Student Day

+Indicates that all are invited to stand in body or spirit.
Congregation is invited to respond as indicated by **Bold Print**

PRELUDE	Chorus of Praise The Savior is Waiting Peace Within My Soul With Loving Hearts	
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	Peaceful Moment	Sharwin G.
+CALL TO WORSHIP		Joel T.
Joel: From the paths we’ve been wandering; from every height and depth, All: we come, presenting our whole selves as living sacrifices before God. Joel: With each passing moment; with a deliberate and conscious intention, All: we choose to be transformed in body and spirit, moving Christ’s way, Joel: God’s grace is at work, making it possible for us to do all these things- All: to discern the Lord’s will and to embody it faithfully before the world.		
+OPENING HYMN	How Can We Name a Love	UMH # 111
+OPENING PRAYER (UNISON):		Joel T.

God of Love, from the beginning, you have been making yourself known through your ongoing acts of creative wonder as well as your faithful presence with your people, generation to generation. In Christ, you entered our existence, shared our joys and sorrows, and proved death is not the end of the story. Even now, you come alongside, offering what we need to grow more deeply in you. And yet, we do not always recognize it. We are so worried about making our way in the world, about what will happen if we don’t keep up, that we miss out on opportunities to follow your will. Forgive us, O God! Remind us that we are not alone in life’s journey. Open our hearts (and our eyes) to the transformation that is already happening in our midst, because of your abundant grace. Guide us as we seek to use the gifts that you have given, not for our own gain, but for the glory of your kin-dom (and the fulfillment of your will.) In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

+SILENT PRAYER		
+SHARING THE PEACE		
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE		Pastor Doug
SCRIPTURE READING	Romans 12:1-8	Joel T.
So, brothers and sisters, because of God’s mercies, I encourage you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God. This is your appropriate priestly service. ² Don’t be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God’s will is—what is good and pleasing and mature.		
³ Because of the grace that God gave me, I can say to each one of you: don’t think of yourself more highly than you ought to think. Instead, be reasonable since God has measured out a portion of faith to each one of you. ⁴ We have many parts in one body, but the parts don’t all have the same function. ⁵ In the same way, though there are many of us, we are one body in Christ, and individually we belong to each other. ⁶ We have different gifts that are consistent with God’s grace that has been given to us. If your gift is prophecy, you should prophesy in proportion to your faith. ⁷ If your gift is service, devote yourself to serving. If your gift is teaching, devote yourself to teaching. ⁸ If your gift is encouragement, devote yourself to encouraging. The one giving should do it with no strings attached. The leader should lead with passion. The one showing mercy should be cheerful.		
SERMON	“Seeking After God” Discerning the Lord’s will throughout our lives	Pastor Doug
HYMN	When We Are Living	UMH # 356
PRAYER FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR		see insert
COMMUNITY PRAYER		Joel T.
OFFERTORY	I Want Jesus to Walk With Me	
+DOXOLOGY	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH # 95
+PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Joel T.

God of Mercy and Grace, through every moment of our lives, we have never been without you. Your guiding hand, your comforting arm, your generous abundance have blessed us immeasurably. And so, it is with praise and thanksgiving that we surrender all we have (and all that we are) to you, trusting that you will continue to make us part of your work, as we seek after your way. Amen.

This week's YouTube link for Sunday—

<https://www.youtube.com/live/wg0w3BVe9II>

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 **Kaitlyn K.**, the **Boys and Girls Club**, and the exciting things of the future for our children in Marshfield.
- For **camping ministries**, in Wisconsin and across the country, that are wrapping up their summer seasons.
- For those who have been enjoying time on vacation with friends and loved ones.

CONCERNS:

- For **Jeffery P.**, who is continuing to deal with issues arising from hostilities in a former job.

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

OTHERS

- For the people of **Columbia** and **Indonesia**, in the wake of recent earthquakes that devastated both countries.

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

- ...in seeing my almost-finished classroom and looking forward to the start of another school year. (*Caleb H.*)
- ...in watching **Orin H.** grow up and now seeing him starting his senior year of high school. (*Deb T.*)
- ...in seeing so many visitors worshipping with us, and in the opportunity for growing relationships. (*Penny M.*)
- ...in **Kaitlyn K.** being with us to share her message and about her new project she's working on. (*Marilyn S.-K.*)

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!

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.

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.

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.



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!

UNITED METHODIST
STUDENT DAY

Sunday, August 23, 2026

Help our students, teachers, and staff kick-off the new school year with a special prayer and blessing during worship.

Demonstrate your commitment to students' education and make a difference in their lives by giving to the denomination-wide UM Student Day special offering. (See insert.)

Offering envelopes in Fellowship Hall. Make checks payable to Wesley UMC and write in memo line—UM Student Day.

Notes