

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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Doug

+CLOSING HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing

UMH # 519

+BENEDICTION

Pastor Doug

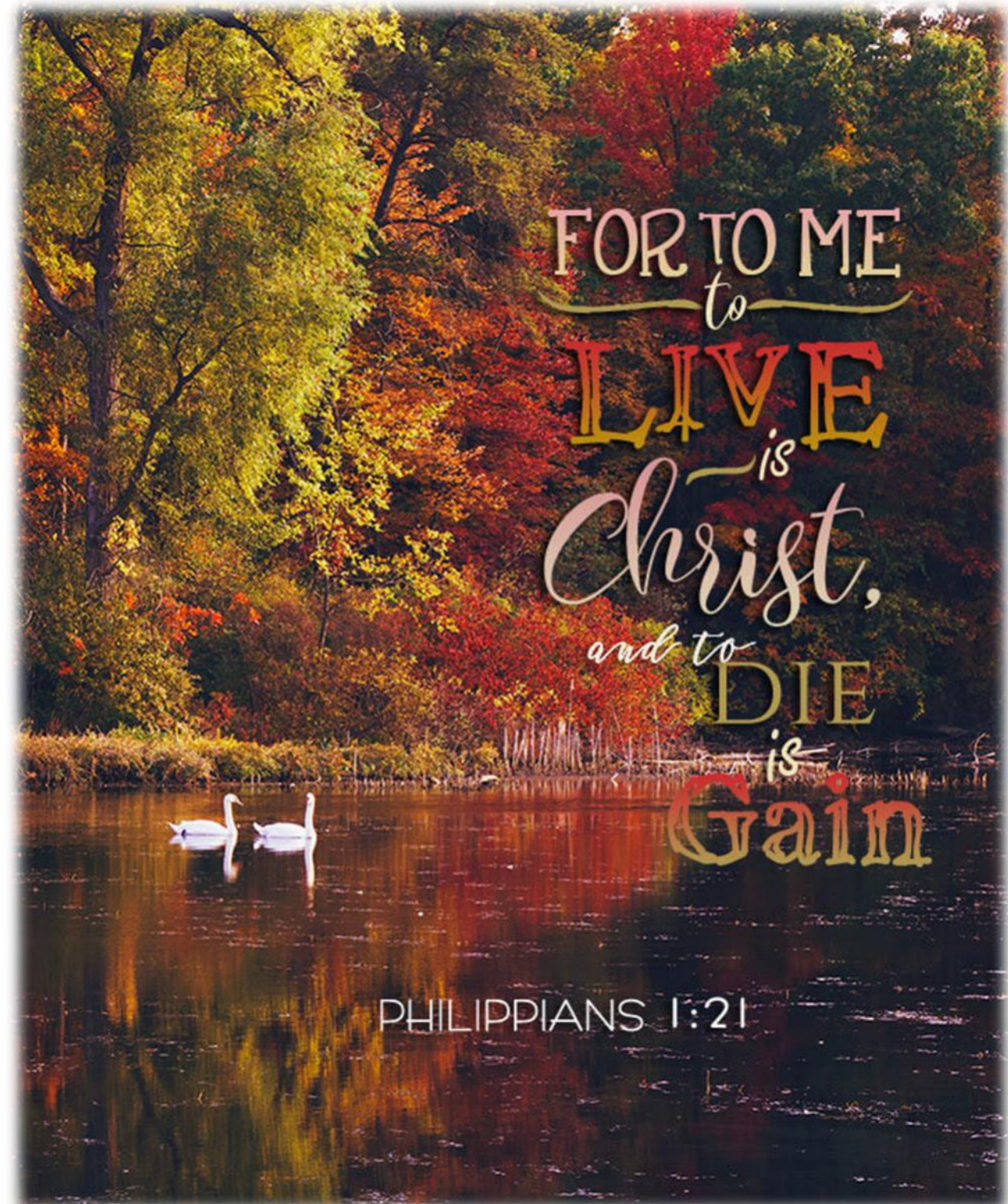
POSTLUDE

We'll Understand It By and By

Sharwin G.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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



17th 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	<i>The Master Calls Hear Him, My Soul In Perfect Peace Safe In His Care</i>	
GREETING & WELCOME		<i>Pastor Doug</i>
BREAKTHROUGH SIGHTINGS		
BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (UNISON)		<i>Pastor Doug</i>
God, we do not know what to do, but You do. Open our hearts, eyes, and minds to You. Amen.		
CENTERING TIME	<i>Contemplation</i>	<i>Sharwin G.</i>
+CALL TO WORSHIP		<i>Jeff N.</i>
Jeff: Out of fields and open spaces; out of the cells and chains that arrest us,		
All: the Spirit of God draws us forth, offering true freedom and possibility.		
Jeff: In all of our progress and joy; in the face of every challenge and change,		
All: the Lord is ever-present, breaking through in the everyday of our lives.		
Jeff: God’s grace is at work, making it possible for us to do all these things-		
All: to believe in Christ, to endure suffering, and to bear witness for others.		
+OPENING HYMN	<i>From All That Dwell Below the Skies</i>	UMH # 101
+OPENING PRAYER (UNISON):		<i>Jeff N.</i>

Almighty God, when nothing existed but chaos, you spoke into darkness and created light. Your Word shaped the earth, called forth the creatures, and proclaimed it all to be good in your sight. In time, that same Word became flesh. He lived among us, bearing witness and declaring the coming of your kin-dom. He taught us to follow your way, and urges us (even now) to lean into it boldly. Yet, we can confess we are afraid. We know the road is not easy, that there will be pain and suffering. We wonder whether we have what it takes to keep going, instead of trusting in your assurance. Forgive us, O God! Speak to our worried hearts and ease our anxious spirits. Remind us of how you continue to be present with us, even in the midst of the most dark and difficult circumstances. Fill us with your peace (which passes all understanding), and give us courage to face whatever comes our way, that we might continue to bring about your reality in *this* world, by all we say and do. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

+SILENT PRAYER

+SHARING THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE *Pastor Doug*

SCRIPTURE READING *Philippians 1:21-30* *Jeff N.*

²¹ Because for me, living serves Christ and dying is even better. ²² If I continue to live in this world, I get results from my work. ²³ But I don’t know what I prefer. I’m torn between the two because I want to leave this life and be with Christ, which is far better. ²⁴ However, it’s more important for me to stay in this world for your sake. ²⁵ I’m sure of this: I will stay alive and remain with all of you to help your progress and the joy of your faith, ²⁶ and to increase your pride in Christ Jesus through my presence when I visit you again.

²⁷ Most important, live together in a manner worthy of Christ’s gospel. Do this, whether I come and see you or I’m absent and hear about you. Do this so that you stand firm, united in one spirit and mind as you struggle together to remain faithful to the gospel. ²⁸ That way, you won’t be afraid of anything your enemies do. Your faithfulness and courage are a sign of their coming destruction and your salvation, which is from God. ²⁹ God has generously granted you the privilege, not only of believing in Christ but also of suffering for Christ’s sake. ³⁰ You are having the same struggle that you saw me face and now hear that I’m still facing.

SERMON *“Together in Christ”* *Pastor Doug*
Living as citizens of God’s kin-dom, wherever we are

HYMN *God Restored Our Common Life* TFWS # 2182

COMMUNITY PRAYER *Jeff N.*

OFFERTORY *For One Great Peace*

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

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Jeff N.*

God of Compassion, we know you are with us in every moment. You journey alongside us, and you offer us all that is necessary for life. In you, we find comfort, healing, possibility for your future. May these gifts of time, talent, and treasure be a testament to our desire to share your work, helping to make your blessings real (in body and in spirit), especially for those who are in need. Amen.

PRAYER HYMN *Lord, Be Glorified (V. 1 & 3)* TFWS # 2150

This week's YouTube link for Sunday—

https://www.youtube.com/live/_eMD7-MxRPQ

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 being able to visit (and share time with) those we've not seen in awhile.

CONCERNS:

- For **Fay J.**, who has been transferred to Three Oaks for rehab related to her hip.
- For **Megan** (*niece of Karalee L.*) who is home but continuing to deal with health issues.
- For the **Niese family**, as they mark the 5th anniversary of the still-birth of twins, Winston and Phineas.

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

OTHERS

- For those on the **small plane** that made an emergency landing on Lake Wausau.
- For those affected by hurricanes (**Hawaii**) and surges (**California**) in the Pacific Ocean.
- For those killed in the tower, the Pentagon, and the planes on **September 11**.
- For the first responders and bystanders who rushed into danger to try to help.
- For the many victims of violence and vengeance, and for those caught up in retribution.

THIS WEEK, WE SAW GOD "BREAKING THROUGH"...

- ... in the goodness of community striving to make room for God's beloved children.
- ...in the changing of seasons, which brings new sights and sounds.
- ...in beautiful fall colors of flowers planted this spring. (*Sharwin G.*)
- ...in the success of the community fundraiser organized by our son. (*Jeff N.*)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER'S NOISY CAN



Soup or Socks is a food pantry and clothes closet located at First Presbyterian Church, 200 S. Lincoln Ave., Marshfield, WI. SOS is a volunteer organization dedicated to providing food and/or clothing at no charge for those in need in the greater Marshfield area. Soup or Socks does not discriminate on the basis of political affiliation, race, color, national origin, sex, age, religious creed or disability. Clients need to meet with a SOS intake specialist for registration and to determine eligibility. If you have questions about referrals, please call SOS at 715-387-1796. Volunteers are the backbone of our organization. We always need help sorting food, organizing clothing, packaging items or running our events. Check them out on Facebook .



September 26

OPPORTUNITY to SHARE

There will be **1 more opportunity** to share your thoughts, reflections, and questions about the MCCI report and prescriptions that were presented during worship on Sunday, August 30. We will talk through them together as a congregation and explore how we might bring our holy imagination into being.

TOWN HALL MEETING

Monday, September 21-10:00 AM

MCCI VOTE – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

On Sunday, September 27, our congregation will gather to vote on the MCCI report and prescriptions presented to us. This is an important opportunity for each of us to prayerfully consider the information, share in this process, and discern the path forward for Wesley United Methodist Church.

You must be present and a professing member of the church to vote.

SEPTEMBER IS...
STEWARDSHIP MONTH

September is a time to prayerfully consider how you might offer your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness in the coming year.
Pledge cards will be dedicated on Sunday, September 27.
Thank you for your support of Wesley UMC.

Our September Noisy Can offering is for Soup or Socks, and we’re **CONNECTING** our generosity one step further by collecting **canned fruit** (peaches, pears, pineapple, and fruit cocktail, etc.) as well as **individually packaged fruit and applesauce cups**.

Please place your donations in the blue bin located in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for helping us share a little extra kindness with our community!



Wesley’s next week to serve at the Food Pantry is
October 26th-30th (Mon-Wed-Fri).

Please see Jackie if you are available to volunteer.
New volunteers are always welcomed!

Notes
