

# Wesley United Methodist Church

Worship Sundays 9 AM

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## September 27, 2026

### OFFERTORY

*Jesus Calls Us*

### +DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH # 95

### +PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Joel T.*

Loving God, in every moment, you are with us. You know us better and more deeply than we know ourselves, and you give us what we need to share together in the building of your reality. With these offerings of time, talent, and treasure, we recommit ourselves to living in answer to your call. Use them (and us) to bear witness and transform lives, spreading your bounty to all. Amen.

### PRAYER HYMN

*Lord, Be Glorified (V. 1 & 3)*

TFWS # 2150

### JOYS & CONCERNS - SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS | BIRTHDAY SONG

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

*The Church of Christ, in Every Age*

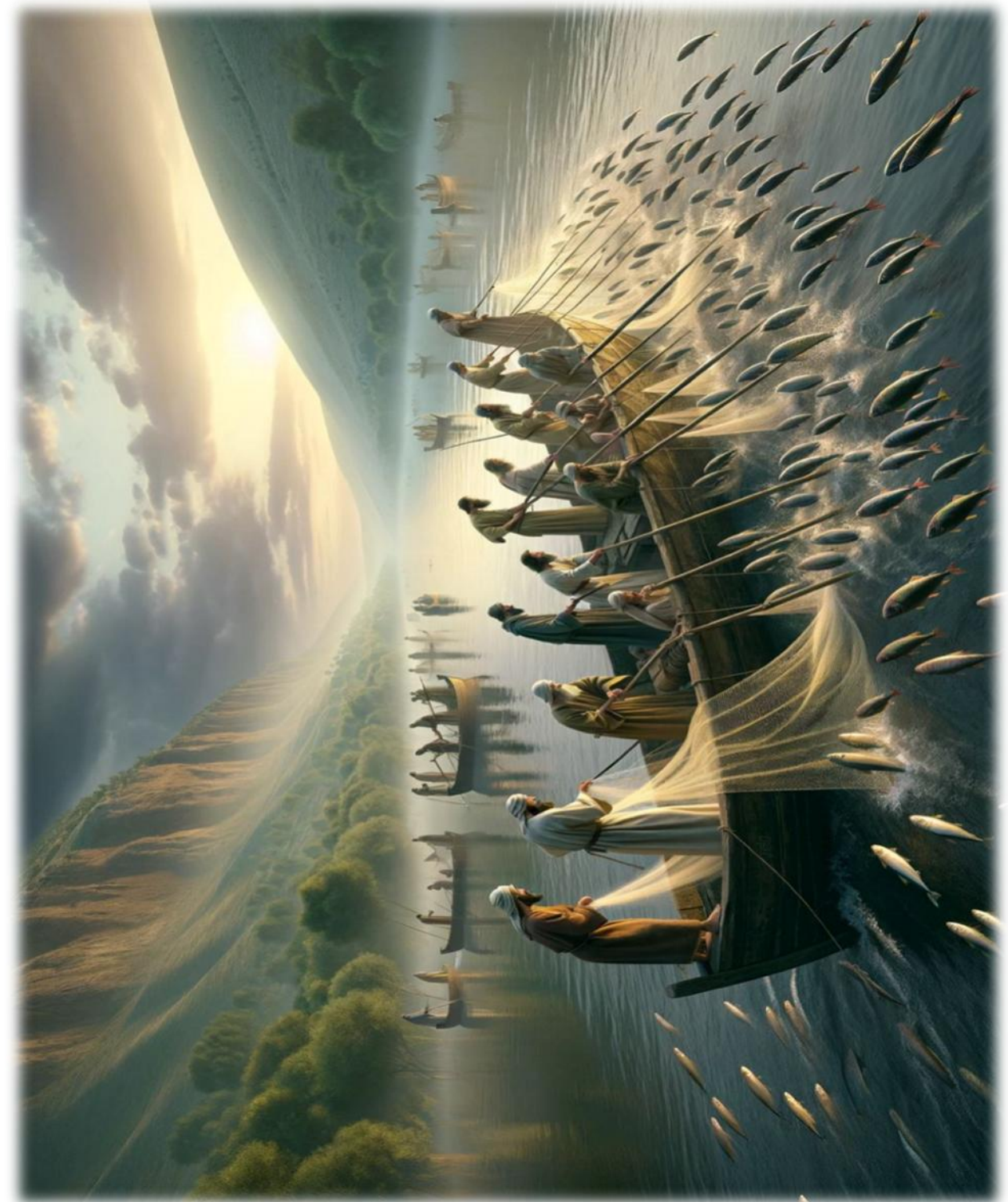
UMH # 589

### +BENEDICTION

*Pastor Doug*

### POSTLUDE

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*



| Stewardship Sunday   Special Church Conference-MCCI                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                 |             |
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| +Indicates that all are invited to stand in body or spirit.<br>Congregation is invited to respond as indicated by <b>Bold Print</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                 |             |
| PRELUDE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Christ, Whose Glory Fills Skies   Come, We That Love the Lord  Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise |             |
| 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | My Tribute                                                                                      |             |
| +CALL TO WORSHIP                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Joel T.                                                                                         |             |
| Joel: Along the streets and the strands; in the closets and closed-up spaces,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                 |             |
| All: we feel the uncertainty of the moment, we wonder about the future.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                 |             |
| Joel: As it was when the journey began; as it is in every moment of our lives,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                 |             |
| All: Jesus shows himself among us, offering us every assurance and hope.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                 |             |
| Joel: God’s grace is at work, making it possible for us to do all these things-                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                 |             |
| All: to embrace the vision, to cast off from shore, and to follow faithfully.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                 |             |
| +OPENING HYMN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Christ Has Risen                                                                                | TFWS # 2115 |
| +OPENING PRAYER (UNISON):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Joel T.                                                                                         |             |
| God of Resurrection, again and again, your faithfulness is made known-in the dawning of a new day, in the beginning of a new season, in the everlasting promise of an empty tomb. You overcome the power of violence and death, raising your beloved children to new life in Christ. You prove, over and over that nothing stands in the way with your relationship with us. And yet, we find it hard to believe. Fear of loss and of grief trap us in old patterns; fear of those who are different closes up our hearts; fear of the unknown keeps us from entertaining hope. Forgive us, O God! Break through the noise and confusion that surround us in these moments. Open our eyes, our ears, our whole beings to those bearing witness to your greatest miracle. Reveal to us the possibilities you are creating, and empower us to join together in proclaiming your good news for all the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen. |                                                                                                 |             |
| +SILENT PRAYER                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                 |             |

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| +SHARING THE PEACE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                 |             |
| We shake hands and say, “The peace of Christ be with you.” If you are not comfortable shaking hands (or have difficulty moving about), you are invited to bump elbows, wave, or offer some sign of peace.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                 |             |
| CHILDREN’S MESSAGE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Pastor Doug                                                     |             |
| +GOSPEL READING                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | John 21:1-19                                                    | Joel T.     |
| Later, Jesus himself appeared again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. This is how it happened: <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus <sup>[3]</sup> ), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee’s sons, and two other disciples were together. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter told them, “I’m going fishing.” They said, “We’ll go with you.” They set out in a boat, but throughout the night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup> Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples didn’t realize it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus called to them, “Children, have you caught anything to eat?” They answered him, “No.” <sup>6</sup> He said, “Cast your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                 |             |
| So they did, and there were so many fish that they couldn’t haul in the net. <sup>7</sup> Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It’s the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around himself (for he was naked) and jumped into the water. <sup>8</sup> The other disciples followed in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they weren’t far from shore, only about one hundred yards.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                 |             |
| <sup>9</sup> When they landed, they saw a fire there, with fish on it, and some bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you’ve just caught.” <sup>11</sup> Simon Peter got up and pulled the net to shore. It was full of large fish, one hundred fifty-three of them. Yet the net hadn’t torn, even with so many fish. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples could bring themselves to ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                 |             |
| <sup>15</sup> When they finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” Simon replied, “Yes, Lord, you know I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus asked a second time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Simon replied, “Yes, Lord, you know I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Take care of my sheep.” <sup>17</sup> He asked a third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was sad that Jesus asked him a third time, “Do you love me?” He replied, “Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> I assure you that when you were younger you tied your own belt and walked around wherever you wanted. When you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and another will tie your belt and lead you where you don’t want to go.” <sup>19</sup> He said this to show the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. After saying this, Jesus said to Peter, “Follow me.” |                                                                 |             |
| SERMON                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | “Casting Off”<br>Embarking on a journey of discovery and change | Pastor Doug |
| HYMN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore                            | UMH # 344   |
| COMMUNITY PRAYER                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Joel T.                                                         |             |

This week's YouTube link for Sunday—

<https://www.youtube.com/live/UQGDMc1ZhIY>

#### LET'S PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS!

**If you have a joy or concern let us know!** [wumcoffice@wesleyhopeconnection.org](mailto: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 folks who help care for the landscape around our church building. (Joel T.)
- For **Bently** (*grandson of Deb and Joel T.*), who celebrated his fifteenth birthday.
- For **Fay J.**, who is doing very well at rehab and will be celebrating 100 years on Sept. 26.
- For the community being formed and nurtured at **Maple Fall Fest** this past weekend.
- For our Jewish brothers, sisters, siblings marking **Yom Kippur**, beginning Sept. 20.
- For **Isabella S.**, who won 2nd place in cross country and whose team won their volleyball tournament.
- For **Isabella S.**, who won best of show for her quilt at the Central Wisconsin State Fair.

#### CONCERNS:

- For **Tammy** (*sister of Karalee L.*), who suffered another stroke on Saturday (Sept. 19).
- For **Shirley S.** (*member of Wesley UMC*), who is recovering from a recent fall.
- For **Ken P.** (*grandfather of Pastor Doug*), who was hospitalized on Sept. 18 after a fall.
- For **Shar** (*friend of Mary E.*) who hurt her hand.
- For **Robbie** (*friend of Jeff N.*) and their family whose house burned down the night of Sept 16.
- For **Isabella S.**, who recently got braces and is learning to adjust with them.

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

#### OTHERS

- For those affected by skyrocketing prices of food, gas, housing, medical care, etc.
- For residents of the **Westfield School District** (and others) facing serious budget shortfalls.
- For those in **Palestine, Ukraine, Papua**, and elsewhere threatened by ongoing conflict.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MCCI VOTE

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>

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.** (Extra pledge cards will be available in the Fellowship Hall.)

Thank you for your support of Wesley UMC.

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS



**1:** Gary G.

**8:** Jan R.

**8:** Betty S.

**26:** Fay J.

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

## 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 .

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!*

## JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*with our friends from*

PORT EDWARDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

#### WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10 AM

Holy Communion observed

#### POTLUCK to FOLLOW SERVICE

**Bring a dish to pass-**

*Bring something to share if you are able, but don't worry if you can't.*

**We'd love to have you join us!**

## @ WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## WORLD COMMUNION

### SUNDAY

October 4, 2026

- Holy Communion observed with our friends from Port Edwards UMC
- **SPECIAL UMC SUNDAY OFFERING** for scholarships, grants, and leadership development
- Read this week's insert for more information.
- *Special offering envelopes available in the Fellowship Hall.*

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

...in the rain and the sunshine we've been getting this weekend. *(Penny M.)*

...in watching our sons prepare for their roles in the fall play at school. *(Kelly H.)*

...in the resources, care, and support for folks living with Parkinson's. *(Marilyn S.-K.)*