

2026
March 22

Children and families are welcome in the Grace Space at the front, during worship.

Children will be called forward during service for Young Disciples time then head to Children's Chapel, with our youngest (3 and under) escorted to the Nursery.

*Indicates to stand as you are able.

Words in bold invite a community response.

Listening devices and large print hymnals are available. An usher will happily assist you.



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COMMUNITY
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Gathering Music

I Need Thee Every Hour

Robert Lowry, arr. Marianne Kim

Welcome and Greeting

***Call to Worship**

Welcome to the weary and the worn.

Welcome to the wiggly and the eager.

Welcome to the skeptical and the seeking.

Welcome to the early risers and those still trying to wake up.

Welcome to the rule followers and the rule breakers.

Welcome to those hungry for justice and those desperate for mercy.

Welcome to the sinners and the saints.

This is God's house.

You can make yourself at home here.

Let us worship our just, merciful, and faithful God!

***Hymn**

Would I Have Answered When You Called?

TFWS #2137

Opening Prayer:

Loving God, when you speak, we don't want to miss it. When you bend down and write in the dirt, when you move through the trees, when you wake with the dawn, when you tug on our heart, or whisper into our dreams, we don't want to miss it. So today we pray, quiet the steady stream of thoughts marching through our minds. Open up space in our hearts so that we can receive your words of grace for us today. With hope we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture Lesson:

Matthew 23: 23

Sandy Retherford

Special Music

Were You There?

Clarion Bells

arr. Jason Krug

Scripture Lesson:

John 8: 2-11

Jeff Turmel

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Young Disciples

Message

The Good News Is – Grace Is Greater Than Stones

Hymn

Let Us Remember

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Prayers of the People

Sharing of our Joys and Concerns

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

TFWS #2200

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me."

Special Music

This Is My Father's World
Clarion Bells

arr. Patricia Hurlbutt

Ministry Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Just As I Am
Jubilate Chimes

arr. John Behnke

Let Us Remember

ADELAIDE 5.4.5.4 D (“Have Thine Own Way”)

Words: Anna Strickland (2025)

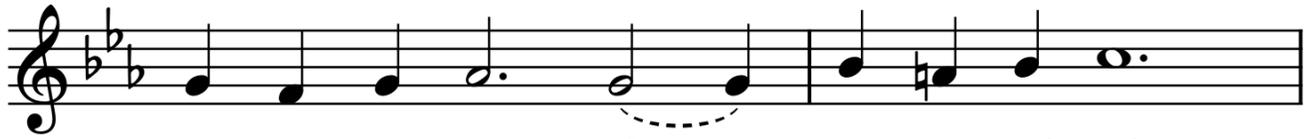
Music: George C. Stebbins (1907)



What is im - por - tant? What mat - ters more?
We've been shown mer - cy all of our lives
Fol - low - ing Je - sus, liv - ing in truth
What does the Lord re - qui - re of us?



Hu - man con - nec - tion or keep - ing score?
By the cre - a - tor of hu - man - kind
We re - main faith - ful to our roots
To re - main hum - ble, lov - ing, and just



In our pur - suit of jus - tice and truth
So when we're in a po - si - tion to judge
When those roots lead us out - side the lines
Keep - ing the heart of the gos - pel in mind



Let us re - mem - ber: we fall short, too
Let us re - mem - ber: they're just like us
Let us re - mem - ber: faith is a - live
Let us re - mem - ber: do what is right

***Offering Response**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy God, we bring these offerings to you, mindful of your grace that meets us in our deepest need. Just as you stood with the woman when others stood in judgment, use these gifts to uphold justice for those cast aside. We ask that this humble sacrifice becomes an instrument of your mercy, offering a new beginning and hope to the broken. May our giving reflect a faithfulness that chooses restoration over condemnation and love over legalism.

Take what we give today and use it to transform lives, just as your words transformed hers. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

TFWS #2153

***Blessing & Sending Forth**

As we leave this place,

When we meet anger, let us speak with love. When we meet fear, let us speak with hope. When we meet pain, let us speak with gentleness.

But no matter what, let us speak about this good news.

For the good news of the gospel is love and justice for all. It is joy that surprises, and nonviolence that transforms.

The good news of the gospel is alive in the world, so go forth speaking. For if you won't, then who will? Thanks be to God for this good, good news. Amen.

Amen

***Blessing Response**

What Wondrous Love Is This

UMH #292, vs. 3

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme I will sing.

***Postlude**

In Christ Alone

Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

You are invited to join us for fellowship and refreshments at The Connection.

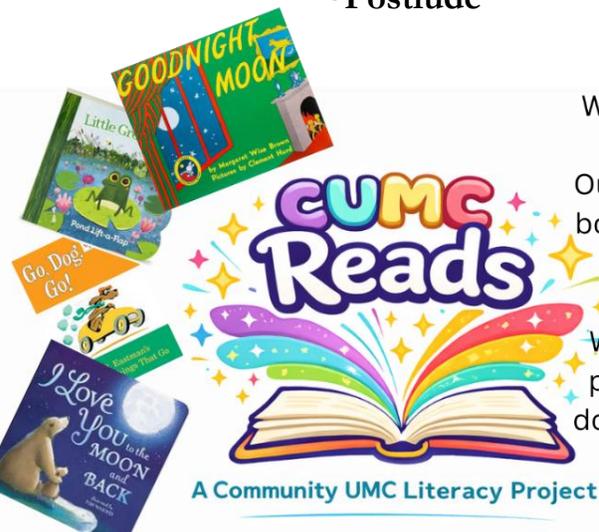
We're well underway with Community UMC's friendliest (and fiercest 😊) competition of the year!

Our staff has entered the ring for CUMC Reads, sharing favorite children's books to kick off our annual board book drive for A Book Ahead. Bragging rights are on the line, so don't miss the fun.

• Voting and book collection continue through the end of the month!

• Watch the staff videos and vote on the CUMC Reads webpage, or cast a paper ballot in the Revelation Room. Bring new board books anytime — donations can be dropped off in the narthex, Revelation Room, or church office.

Let's finish strong, CUMC! 🇺🇸



Holy Week

Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 2nd at
7:00pm in Fellowship Hall

Good Friday
Friday, April 3rd at
Noon in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 5th at
9:30am in the Sanctuary



🐰 We need a few good eggs!

Easter Egg Hunt helpers needed April 5
Hide eggs • Give prizes • Set up • Clean up

☎ Call the church office to volunteer



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SUNDAY APRIL 12TH

Waffle Church is back!!!

Join us in Fellowship Hall on April 12th for this joyful, laid-back worship experience. Comfy clothes & pajamas are welcome, stress is not! Come sing, praise, and eat waffles!!

Come as you are. Be comfy. Have fun.

Everyone is welcome at Waffle Church. 🍩🍷

Monday – March 23rd - **Welcome Word Articles Due**

- Mother's Day Out – Edu Wing & Revelation Room
- Wisconsin Conservatory of Music – 4:00pm – Choir Room
- Community Cares Check In – 6:00pm - Zoom
- Crosstown Harmony – 6:00pm – Revelation Room

Tuesday – March 24th

- Mother's Day Out – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Chair Yoga – 2:30pm – Wellness Center
- Praise Team Rehearsal – 7:30pm - Sanctuary

Wednesday – March 25th

- Mother's Day Out – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Clarion Bells Rehearsal – 6:15pm – Harmony Room
- Chancel Choir – 7:30pm – Choir Room

Thursday – March 26th

- No Mother's Day Out – Spring Break
- Floor Yoga – 9:30am – Wellness Center
- Tai Chi – 10:00am – Wellness Center
- Genesis Bible Study – 2:30pm – Disciple Room
- Jubilate Chimes Rehearsal – 6:00pm – Harmony Room
- AA Men's Group – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

Friday – March 27th (Pastor Tim's Sabbath)

- Children's Choir – 4:30pm – Choir Room

Sunday – March 29th - PALM SUNDAY

- Sunday Service – 9:30am – Sanctuary (Children's Choir & Chimes)
- Children's Chapel – During Service – Edu Wing
- Connection – 10:30am – Revelation Room
- Lenten Bible Study – 10:45am – Disciple Room

**Quarterly Mission Partner/Loose Coin Offering:
Hope Center of Waukesha**

Hospitality Team for Next Sunday - 03.29.26

Front Door: Tom Curl

West Door: Ann Walker

Narthex: Lynda Curl

Ushers: Tom Raley, Joni McDevitt, Wendy Tefelske, Linda Irwin

Connection: Dean and Karen Johnson

Liturgist: Marianne Ludwick and Joseph Krechel

Children's Chapel: Chriss Stump and Lisa Meder

SOPHIA

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faith moves us to act.

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Tom Twinem; Dean Johnson;
Christian Fuller; Sheryl Cavan;
Candace Kral; Tom Raley
Jeff Turmel; Tom Connor

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Timothy O'Brien
Chriss Stump – Office Manager
Danielle Bridges – Director of Music
Tyler Walters – Praise Team Director
Sarah Kwon - Organist/Pianist
Shann McClain - Custodian
Jim Ausprung - Maintenance
Tracey Magyar – MDO Director
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Monday-Thursday: 8:00am - 3:30pm
Friday: 8:00am 2:00pm

Community United Methodist Church is building a community of people who love God and neighbor through a focus on Intergenerational Community Service and Overall Health and Wellbeing