



# THE ARMOR OF GOD

**EPHESIANS 6:10-17**

## **Waterloo First United Methodist Church**

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**Rev. Hojin Shin, *Pastor***

*The Mission of Waterloo First United Methodist Church is to be a church of people who live as disciples of Jesus Christ by providing a place for spiritual growth in a caring, inviting community.*

# March 17, 2024

## Fifth Sunday in Lent

*Welcome! We are happy to have you with us today!*

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist, Bill Arndorfer

*Please sign and pass the ritual of Friendship.*

### \*GREETING (With One Another)

Rev. Hojin Shin

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

Response: And also with you!

### CENTERING WORDS (John 12:21)

“Sir, we want to see Jesus.”

### PRELUDE

*“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”* Chris Tomlin/arr. Lorie Line



### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 119:9-16)

Bet

<sup>9</sup> How can young people keep their paths pure?

By guarding them according to what you've said.

<sup>10</sup> **I have sought you with all my heart. Don't let me stray from any of your commandments!**

<sup>11</sup> I keep your word close, in my heart, so that I won't sin against you.

<sup>12</sup> **You, Lord, are to be blessed! Teach me your statutes.**

<sup>13</sup> I will declare out loud all the rules you have spoken.

<sup>14</sup> **I rejoice in the content of your laws as if I were rejoicing over great wealth.**

<sup>15</sup> I will think about your precepts and examine all your paths.

<sup>16</sup> **I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget what you have said.**

### \*OPENING HYMN

*“Were You There”*

No. 288

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**No. 895**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Ephesians 6: 10-18**

**ANTHEM**

*"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*

Ed Lojeski

Chancel Choir

Emily Forssberg, director ~ Linda Sharp, accompanist

**SERMON**

*"Jesus In the Wild —Be Strong Through the Struggle"*

**Rev. Hojin Shin**

**OFFERING**

Offertory

*"Were You There?"*

arr. Marcia Wells

Doxology

*"Glory to God"*

Offertory Prayer

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*

**No. 297**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*"Prelude and Fugue in A Minor BWV 559"*

JS Bach

**Linda Sharp, organist**

\*Please stand if you are able

*We are happy you are with us today!!*  
*Please sign the **attendance registration** pad located in the pew racks.*

If you would like to use a **large print hymnal**,  
or a **hearing assistance device** please ask an usher for one.

- \* Our prayer chain is available to any who have needs or concerns. We will pray with you and for you. Fill out a prayer request form located in the pew or contact the church office at 235-7088. All prayer requests will be sent out by email.
- \* Our Cry Room, Nursery, and a Rest Room are all located off the hallway in the back of the sanctuary.
- \* The service is recorded each week and is available to anyone who requests it. If you know of someone who is unable to attend services and would like to receive a DVD or an audio CD, please contact the church office, 235-7088.
- \* Today's service is being live streamed on Facebook.
- \* Children's Bulletins are available in the sanctuary on a table by the door in the front. Children's packets are available in bags and the back of the sanctuary.

<b>Ministers</b>	Every Member
<b>Director of Music</b>	Emily Forssberg
<b>Organist</b>	Dr. Linda Sharp DMA, MDiv
<b>Pianist</b>	Dr. John Roberts, Ed. D.
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