



ThreeHouse Sunday

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.

May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist, Toni Brown

Please pass the ritual of Friendship

*GREETING (With One Another)

ThreeHouse

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

Response: And also with you!

CENTERING WORDS

In this Easter season, how are we making space for new life that exists beyond the bounds of church and Christianity in the increasingly shifting spiritual landscape we find ourselves in? What are the signs and wonders that are emerging around us? What might we be missing based on what we expect to see rather than what is actually Becoming?

PRELUDE

“We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy One, You have many names and today we call forth the names we need:

Imaginative Spirit

Unfolding Possibility

Emerging Life

Playful Wisdom

Liberative Trouble Maker

Wild and Compassionate God—

surprise us with signs and wonders in a growing world.

Swell with us, as we make waves towards collective freedom.

*OPENING PRAYER

God of Becoming, we are grateful for young people—for the fierce solidarity they offer each other and the world. Open our spirits to the swelling wisdom of the new wave of teachers, leaders, radicals, and visionaries. Unstick places within us that want to cling to ways that are comfortable, but that no longer serve us. For you are a God who unfolds and you love those who shake off the dust of familiar oppression. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”* **No. 2223**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

No. 895

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2: 42-47 & John 10: 1-10

ANTHEM

“Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land”

Arr. Mark S. Arnold

Golden Bells

Emily Forssberg, director

SERMON

“ThreeHouse Sunday”

**Rev. David Glenn-Burns
& Community Members**

OFFERING

Offertory

“There Is A Redeemer”

Arr. Mark Hayes

Doxology

No. 94

Offertory Prayer

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Together We Serve”

No. 2175

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“We Will Glorify”

Heather Gillis, pianist

*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.

Altar Flowers

**Today's altar flowers are given by Sue Carver
In loving memory of Don, and my wonderful parent Dallas and Lois Alldredge**

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

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- * 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.

Ministers

Every Member

Director of Music

Emily Forssberg

Organist

Heather Gillis

Pianist

John Roberts, Ed. D.

Administrative Assistant

Dawn Lowe

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Youth Leader

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