



... an  
inheritance  
that can  
never

perish,  
spoil  
or  
fade

... is kept in heaven for you. **1 Peter 1:4, NIV**

## **Waterloo First United Methodist Church**

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**Rev. Dr. 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.*

# October 20, 2024

## Laity Sunday

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

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist Jarred Crouch

*Please sign and pass the ritual of Friendship.*

### \*GREETING (With One Another)

Sam Anderson

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

Response: And also with you!

### CENTERING WORDS 1 John 4: 11-12

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God: if we love one another, God lives in us, and His love is perfected in us.

### PRELUDE

*“Neno lake Mungo (Listen, God is Calling)”*

Anne Krentz Organ

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are gathered to worship together, full of the joy we feel about God’s love for us.

**He who loved us first, has called us to love and care for one another.**

With God’s help, we can overcome fear, hatred, and anger.

**We seek God and ask for guidance, knowing that we can love because of this grace.**

Transform our hearts so that we may have the strength and grace to love all as you love us.

**God’s love is the beginning and the end; it is the Alpha and Omega.**

Praise God for peace and hope.

**Come, oh beloved children of God, let us rejoice and sing a new song of love to the world.**

### \*OPENING PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for your unconditional love that surrounds us like a warm embrace.

Help us to fully accept your love in our heart, so that it may overflow and radiate to those around us. Guide us to be a vessel of your compassion, showing kindness, understanding, and grace to all we encounter. May our words and actions reflect the love you have given us, bringing light and hope to others in need. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### \*OPENING HYMN

*“In Christ There Is No East and West”*

No. 548

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**No. 895**

**ANTHEM**

*"The Prayer with Lead Us Lord"* Carol Bayer Sager & David Foster

Chancel Choir

Arr. Fettke

Emily Forsberg, director ~ Linda Sharp, accompanist

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

God's Love

1 Peter 1: 3-9, John 1: 14-18, & Galatians 4: 1-7

Jesus' Love

John 13: 34-35 & 15: 9-13

Our Duty to Love

1 John 4: 7-11

**SERMON**

*"What We Believe in Matters"*

**Sam Anderson**

**OFFERING**

Offertory

*Variations on "Amazing Grace"*

David P. Dahl

Doxology

**No. 94**

Offertory Prayer

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"*

**No. 581**

**\*BENEDICTION**

In the Name of Love, we have come.

In the Name of Love, we are here.

And, in the Name of Love we will go.

Knowing in our Hearts and in our Souls

that what we have experienced is truly Divine.

- Dennis Yount (Died of AIDS in the early 1990s)

**POSTLUDE**

*"Processional"*

William Matthias

**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.

**Altar Flowers**

**Today's altar flowers are given by Kathy Breckunitch  
In loving memory of my husband, Jim.**

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.

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