



The Kingdom of God
will be ... given to a people
producing its fruits.

Matthew 21:43, ESV

Waterloo First United Methodist Church

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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 8, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist, Kathy McFarland

Please pass the ritual of Friendship

*GREETING (With One Another)

Pam Ulffers

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

Response: And also with you!

CENTERING WORDS (Psalm 19:14)

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be pleasing to you, Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

PRELUDE

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

David Cherwien

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us together as his children

to reassure us of his love,

God calls us together as his children

to encourage our care for each other,

God calls us together as his children

to remind us of our responsibilities

God calls us together as his children

to send us out as people who bear his name.

All: Come, let us worship God!

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, we have your commandments to guide us, but still, we have choices to make all day long. In our foolishness, we often know what is right but still select the wrong.

Strengthen our resolve to live according to your laws, and by the power of your Holy Spirit help us make the right choices. Amen.

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 Larry Baker
in memory of Lauraine Baker, October 5 would have been Larry & Lauraine's 60th Anniversary**

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.

Ministers

Every Member

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Emily Forssberg

Organist

Dr. Linda Sharp DMA, MDiv

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