

The Time of Singing Has Come

UNCOMMON WISDOM WORSHIP SERIES



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.

September 1, 2024

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist Toni Brown

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 James 1:17

Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father, the creator of the heavenly lights, in whose character there is no change at all.

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome, Beloved of God! For truly, you are deeply, wonderfully, beautifully loved by the God of all creation!

Come, let us worship God who loves us!

Whether your week was filled with mountain-high joys or valley-low sorrows, peace like a gently flowing river, or stress like a stormy gale, this is the time to rise and come away to worship God who sustains and tends to you.

Come, let us worship God who loves us and tends to us!

In a world that pulls us this way and that, God's love is our True North, guiding us with an uncommon wisdom through all that life brings us.

Come, let us worship God who loves us and guides us!

Beloved, the time for singing has come, because God's love, care, and wisdom sustain and guide us wherever we go.

Come, let us worship and sing to the God who loves, tends , guides, and sustains us! Amen!

OPENING PRAYER

Creator of the heavenly lights, there is no shadow in your divine light. It remains unchanging across the eons, even as the stars come and go. You are our faithful creator, the Gardener of our lives. You plant your truth within us and inspire lives of caring and love. We honor and worship you. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

“Praise the Source of Faith and Learning ”

Vs. 1, 3, 4 No. 2004

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

No. 895

SCRIPTURE READINGS Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 21-23

SERMON

“Uncommon Wisdom: The Time of Singing Has Come ”

Rev. Hojin Shin

HOLY COMMUNION

“Do This In Remembrance of Me”

Communion will be served in two ways:

1. Communion Stewards will wear gloves to serve the bread and a small glass of juice at the front for those who wish to be served.
2. Self-serve cups will be available for those who do not wish to have Communion served to them. They should pick up their cup when entering the sanctuary.

Gluten-free Communion is available on the center aisle.

*CLOSING HYMN

“Open My Eyes, That I May See ”

No. 454

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

John Roberts, Ed. D., 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 Lee Stonewall
In memory of parents Firman & Mildred and Myron & Irene Stonewall

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

Director of Music

Emily Forssberg

Organist

Dr. Linda Sharp DMA, MDiv

Pianist

Dr. John Roberts, Ed. D.

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