



**Sunday May 17, 2026 – 9:00 am - Scholarship & Graduation Sunday**

*\*Please stand if it is comfortable for you*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & GREETING

\*SONG OF BEGINNING      *Gather Us In, vs. 1-2*      No. 2236 Black Hymnal

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us praise the Lord as we sing songs of joy.

**People: Because God reigns over all the earth, we will sing our praises.**

Leader: Let us praise God; young and old joining together!

**People: Today we lift up our graduates and scholarship recipients; giving thanks for how God has led them and sustains them.**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for God's name alone is exalted.

**People: As our graduates step into new beginnings, we join with all creation in praise, trusting God who goes before them and goes with them.**

**All: Let everything that has breath—students, families, teachers and friends; praise God! Alleluia!**

SCRIPTURE READING      Psalm 47

\*HYMN      *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*      No. 2051 Black Hymnal

RECOGNITION OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS & GRADUATES

WITNESSING GOD'S LOVE TO OUR CHILDREN

*Children Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade may go to Children's Church. Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade go to the Nursery and 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade go to classroom E-8.*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC      *Worthy Is The Lamb with Crown Him With Many Crowns*

SCRIPTURE READING      Luke 24:44-53

SERMON      *Open Minds, Open Roads*

\*HYMN      *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, vs. 1-3*      No. 384 Red Hymnal

A TIME FOR PRAYER

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND OUR BLESSINGS

Invitation

Offertory

\*Doxology

No. 94 Red Hymnal

\*CLOSING BLESSING

\*SUNG RESPONSE      *May You Run and*      No. 2281

## POSTLUDE

Participating in Worship:

Rev. Jenny Arneson, Pastor  
 Lisa Wink, Treasurer, Worship Assistant  
 Jeanne McAndrew, Reader  
 Terry Twedell, Children's Time  
 Michelle Flood, Music  
 Sue Lundeen, Organist

**Psalm 47**

Clap your hands, all you people! Shout joyfully to God with a joyous shout! Because the LORD Most High is awesome, God is the great king of the whole world. God subdues the nations under us, subdues all people beneath our feet. God chooses our inheritance for us: the heights of Jacob, which God loves. God has gone up with a joyous shout—the LORD with the blast of the ram's horn. Sing praises to God! Sing praises! Sing praises to our king! Sing praises because God is king of the whole world! Sing praises with a song of instruction! God is king over the nations. God sits on his holy throne. The leaders of all people are gathered with the people of Abraham's God because the earth's guardians belong to God; God is exalted beyond all.

**Luke 24:44-53**

Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. He said to them, "This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. Look, I'm sending to you what God promised, but you are to stay in the city until you have been furnished with heavenly power." He led them out as far as Bethany, where he lifted his hands and blessed them. As he blessed them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. They worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem overwhelmed with joy. And they were continuously in the temple praising God.

**INVITATIONS TO ACTION****Conference Miracle Sunday - Today**

The Council of Bishops, which includes all the United Methodist Bishops from around the world, invites United Methodist to participate in Miracle Sunday today. Miracle Sunday is a one-time, denominational-wide special offering to support The Endowment for Theological Education outside the United States. This offering addresses a critical need within our global church. When it comes to formal theological education, more than 71% of U.S. clergy hold a theological degree; whereas fewer than 5% of clergy outside the U.S. have access to the same level of education. Gifts received through Miracle Sunday will help fund the gap in theological education for emerging pastors in Africa, Europe and the Philippines. The goal of Miracle Sunday is to permanently endow scholarships enabling 500 students each year to prepare for ordained ministry. Special offering envelopes and information are available in the Narthex or you may mail your gift to the church and mark it 'Miracle Sunday.' Thank you for your special gifts!

**Ingathering**

The Wisconsin Annual Conference this year is June 4-7 in Middleton. Once again, the Ingathering will be supporting Midwest Mission's disaster response and relief efforts. Midwest Mission is one of eight cooperating depots in the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Supply Network. Their Mission is "Bringing the hearts and hands of God's people together to transform resources into humanitarian relief". Kits are distributed locally, nationally, and internationally to those in need during times of crisis. All supplies are given free of charge regardless of gender, race, or religion. This year the items for collection are Personal Dignity Kits and Home Care Kits. You may donate an entire kit, or individual items listed. Monetary donations are also accepted. They must be returned to the church no later than May 31. A list of items needed will be available by the display in the narthex. Or you may request the list by calling the church office or going to the following link.

**Annual Conference Volunteers**

Reconciling Churches in the Wisconsin Annual Conference are invited to help staff a table at our Annual Conference this year. We are looking for volunteers to be present, answer questions and help continue to build relationships. Resources and supplies will be provided. Please email the church office for sign-up information. [office@sunprairieumc.org](mailto:office@sunprairieumc.org)

### **Snowball Mountain Challenge Vacation Bible School**

Registration is open for this summer's VBS!

Join us August 2-6 for dinner and programming.

VBS is for incoming 4K-5th graders.

Incoming 6-12th graders can be youth mentors.

We are also offering VBS for adults this year. We would love to have you one night or every night that week.

To learn more and sign up please visit our church website at:

<https://www.sunprairieumc.org/vacation-bible-school-2026>

### **Noisy Coin Offering May 24th**

Our children will collect a noisy coin offering on Sunday, May 24th during our time with children in worship.

The offering will go toward our loose coin offering this quarter which is supporting the Wisconsin Keep

Warm/Cool Fund. Bring your change to worship with you that morning and help us make some noise.

### **May 24th Splash**

On May 24th you are invited to join us after worship in the chapel for a splash learning opportunity. We will be hosting a conversation with Mimi Finger for from Hope in Me therapy for Mental Health Month.

### **XYZ May 20th at 1pm**

Our last XYZ before summer is open to anyone who wishes to attend on Wednesday, May 20th at 1 pm. We will have dessert and a program together. Our presenter this month is Rev. Sarah Mae Gabuyo a missionary

with the General Board of Global Ministries, who is serving in Rome, Italy. Rev. Gabuyo serves at Ponte Sant'Angelo Methodist Church, is an English-speaking multicultural

congregation located near the Vatican. Her ministry focuses on welcoming pilgrims and international students, and creating spaces of hospitality, worship, and connection across cultures.

### **Sun Prairie PRIDE Fest Volunteers**

We are looking for volunteers to staff our table at PRIDE Fest on June 27th. You will be sharing information about our church and chatting with those who stop by our table. PRIDE Fest will be held at Sun Prairie West

High School again this year. If you have any questions or to sign up please reach out to Director of Family Ministry Daniel Taylor at [familymin@sunprairieumc.org](mailto:familymin@sunprairieumc.org).