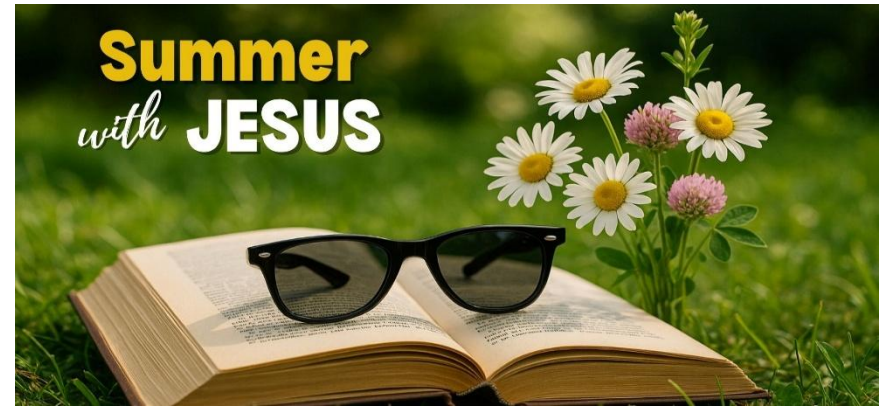


Psalms 111

Praise the LORD! I thank the LORD with all my heart in the company of those who do right, in the congregation. The works of the LORD are magnificent; they are treasured by all who desire them. God's deeds are majestic and glorious. God's righteousness stands forever. God is famous for wondrous works. The LORD is full of mercy and compassion. God gives food to those who honor him. God remembers his covenant forever. God proclaimed powerful deeds to his people and gave them what had belonged to other nations. God's handiwork is honesty and justice; all God's rules are trustworthy—they are established always and forever; they are fulfilled with truth and right doing. God sent redemption for God's people; God commanded that his covenant last forever. Holy and awesome is God's name! Fear of the LORD is where wisdom begins; sure knowledge is for all who keep God's laws. God's praise lasts forever!

Luke 14:1, 7-14

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to share a meal in the home of one of the leaders of the Pharisees, they were watching him closely. When Jesus noticed how the guests sought out the best seats at the table, he told them a parable. "When someone invites you to a wedding celebration, don't take your seat in the place of honor. Someone more highly regarded than you could have been invited by your host. The host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give your seat to this other person.' Embarrassed, you will take your seat in the least important place. Instead, when you receive an invitation, go and sit in the least important place. When your host approaches you, he will say, 'Friend, move up here to a better seat.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up." Then Jesus said to the person who had invited him, "When you host a lunch or dinner, don't invite your friends, your brothers and sisters, your relatives, or rich neighbors. If you do, they will invite you in return and that will be your reward. Instead, when you give a banquet, invite the poor, crippled, lame, and blind. And you will be blessed because they can't repay you. Instead, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."



Sunday, August 31, 2025 9:00 am

**Please stand if it is comfortable for you*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & GREETING

SONG OF BEGINNING

Sing to the Lord a Joyful Song

CALL TO WORSHIP

- Leader: When we are left to our own intentions, we struggle to sustain love, mercy and justice.
- People: But when we come before God, seeking God's healing love, we are given the strength and courage to serve others.**
- Leader: We often want to have our own way in all that we do.
- People: We have a difficult time trusting in God.**
- Leader: God, come to us this day, healing our mistrust and our hesitancy.
- People: Help us, God, to witness to you by the ways in which we care for others.**
- Leader: God, give us spirits ready to receive your goodness and mercy.
- All: May our worship remind us that we are called to be followers of Jesus the Christ.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 111

*HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
vs. 1-3 & 5

No. 57
Red Hymnal

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sofia Glover

WITNESSING GOD'S LOVE TO OUR CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Loving God, we acknowledge that there are times when we are less than what you would have us be. We have lived as if we did not need you, pretending that life is what we make it. When we could have helped, we have hurt. When we could have mended, we have broken. When we could have shared your love, we have chosen to be silent. Forgive us and empower us to hear your call upon our lives that we may discover the joy of ministry in your name. Now, let your healing work its way into our souls as we make our silent confessions (silent confession).

*SUNG RESPONSE

Seek Ye First, vs. 1

No. 405
Red Hymnal

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

The New Creation

Summer Theme: *Summer with Jesus*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:1, 7-14

SERMON

A Seat at the Table

*HYMN

Where Charity and Love
Prevail, vs. 1-4

No. 549
Red Hymnal

A TIME FOR PRAYER

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND OUR BLESSINGS

Invitation

Offertory

*Doxology

No. 94 Red Hymnal

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*CLOSING BLESSING

*SUNG RESPONSE

Let There Be Peace
on Earth

No. 431
Red Hymnal

POSTLUDE

Participating in Worship:

Rev. Jenny Arneson, Pastor

Amanda Hinthorn, Dir. of Technology & Online
Communications, Worship Assistant

Sarah Prather, Reader

Harold Silvester & Michelle Flood, Music

Sue Lundeen, Organist

INVITATIONS TO ACTION

If you are not already receiving our Monday Devotional Word of the Week or our weekly Thursday email that outlines what is happening in the life of this faith community please reach out to the church office at 837-5554 or office@sunprairieumc.org so we can get you on this email list.

Paper Airplanes at Fellowship Time

Today during Fellowship Time we will have a special area set up for paper airplane making and flying. This is a fun activity for all ages to participate in, so please spend a few minutes taking flight with others this morning.

Church Office Closed on Labor Day

Our church office will be closed on Monday, September 1st in observance of Labor Day.

Music Groups are Beginning for Fall

Many of our music groups and ensembles are resuming their practices in the coming weeks. Please check your Thursday email calendar to see when different groups are rehearsing.

Rally Day, September 7th

Following our 9 am worship service, we will kick off our fall programming tailgate style. Join us for activities, carnival games, and some yummy tailgate food. We are hoping to be outside weather permitting. This will also be a great chance for you to learn more about the many different ways you can be participating this fall in the life of our church.

Activities that day will include Plarn Mat Making, Leaving Chalk Messages for our Partner School Northside Elementary, 9 Square, Yard Games, Prayer Labyrinth, and Carnival Games with Prizes

If you have questions about Rally Day please reach out to Director of Technology and Online Communications Amanda Hinthorn at ahinthorn@sunprairieumc.org

Last Middle and High School Campfire Games September 7th

All Middle and High Schoolers are invited to join us for games, smores, and fun on Sunday, September 7th at 6:30 pm. No need to RSVP. Friends are welcome.

American Red Cross Blood Drive September 9th

Our church will be a host site for an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, September 9th beginning at 12pm. To give blood please head to their website to make an appointment. <https://www.redcrossblood.org>

KINDNESS 101 SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR THIS SEPTEMBER

We will begin our Sunday School year this September with an intergenerational study titled "Kindness 101." We invite all ages, from birth through adulthood, to join us in the Chapel each Sunday following our time of worship. We will begin with a few questions and watch a video together. Following the video, we will divide into age groups for further discussion and activities. Age group breakdown will be: Birth through 2nd grade in the Nursery, 3rd-5th Grade in the Multipurpose Room, Middle School in the Youth Room, and High School in the Conference Room.

We will meet on September 14, 21, and 28. No need to register in advance. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Jenny or Amanda Hinthorn.