

**Psalm 40:1-11**

I put all my hope in the LORD. God leaned down to me; God listened to my cry for help. God lifted me out of the pit of death, out of the mud and filth, and set my feet on solid rock. God steadied my legs. God put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise for our God. Many people will learn of this and be amazed; they will trust the LORD. Those who put their trust in the LORD, who pay no attention to the proud or to those who follow lies, are truly happy! You, LORD my God! You've done so many things—your wonderful deeds and your plans for us—no one can compare with you! If I were to proclaim and talk about all of them, they would be too numerous to count! You don't relish sacrifices or offerings; you don't require entirely burned offerings or compensation offerings—but you have given me ears! So I said, "Here I come! I'm inscribed in the written scroll. I want to do your will, my God. Your Instruction is deep within me." I've told the good news of your righteousness in the great assembly. I didn't hold anything back—as you well know, LORD! I didn't keep your righteousness only to myself. I declared your faithfulness and your salvation. I didn't hide your loyal love and trustworthiness from the great assembly. So now you, LORD—don't hold back any of your compassion from me. Let your loyal love and faithfulness always protect me.

**John 1:29-42**

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one about whom I said, 'He who comes after me is really greater than me because he existed before me.' Even I didn't recognize him, but I came baptizing with water so that he might be made known to Israel." John testified, "I saw the Spirit coming down from heaven like a dove, and it rested on him. Even I didn't recognize him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit coming down and resting is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and testified that this one is God's Son." The next day John was standing again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus walking along he said, "Look! The Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard what he said, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he asked, "What are you looking for?" They said, "Rabbi (which is translated Teacher), where are you staying?" He replied, "Come and see." So, they went and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two disciples who heard what John said and followed Jesus was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Christ). He then led him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

**Sunday January 18, 2026 9:00 am***\*Please stand if it is comfortable for you***PRELUDE****WELCOME & GREETING****\*SONG OF BEGINNING**

God of Grace and

No. 577

God of Glory

Red Hymnal

vs. 1-2 &amp; 4

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to worship with grateful hearts and to gain the assurance that God is with us.

**People:** **We come to open ourselves once again to being God's grateful people as we live each day.**

Leader: We come to hear the still, small voice of God.

**People:** **We come to worship the One who is guidance and wisdom, compassion and strength, courage and hope.**

**All:** **Let us worship together so that apart we will be faithful and bold as we reflect the love and compassion of Christ to a needy and watching world. Amen**

## SCRIPTURE READING

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## WITNESSING GOD'S LOVE TO OUR CHILDREN

Children Pre-K through fifth 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.

## CALL TO CONFESS & WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God of love and light, how grateful we are for your tender mercies. We are invited to live in the light of your love and share that love and light with others. Yet we so often close our minds and hearts to your presence working within us. Forgive us, O God. When we are too caught up in the busyness of our own lives and agendas, disarm us with your love. When we are frightened by your call to stand up against injustice, grant us strength to speak your words of wisdom and gratitude. Open our hearts and minds to you, God, as we make our silent confessions (silent confession).

SUNG RESPONSE      *Lord, Listen to Your  
Children Praying*      No. 2193  
                            Black Hymnal

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *Everlasting God*

## January Worship Series: *Serve Joyfully*

## SCRIPTURE READING John 1:29-42

SERMON *Called to Reflect Christ*

\*HYMN      *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light vs. 1-2*      No. 206  
Red Hymnal

## A TIME FOR PRAYER

## OFFERING OUR LIVES AND OUR BLESSINGS

## Invitation Offertory

Doxology

No.94 Red Hymnal

\*CLOSING BLESSING

\*SUNG RESPONSE

*The Servant Song,*

vs. 1 & 3

No. 2222

Black Hymnal

POSTLUDE

Participating in Worship:

Rev. Jenny Arneson, Pastor

Lisa Wink, Treasurer, Worship Assistant

Eric Guelker, Reader

Daniel Taylor, Dir. of Family Ministry, Children's Time

Heavenly Handbells, Music; Steve Crego, Director

Kevin Rice Myers, 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 so we can get you on this email list at [office@sunprairieumc.org](mailto:office@sunprairieumc.org) or 837-5554.

High School Youth Lock In

Please mark your calendars for our middle and high school lock-ins coming this month. More information to come.

High School (9-12th grade): January 23rd and 24th

Winter Splash January 25th

Our next Winter Splash will take place following worship in the Chapel next Sunday, January 25th. Beth Smeaton will share more with us about Neurographic Art, and we will get the chance to create our own artwork. This is a great learning opportunity for all skill sets and ages. Grab your coffee and donut and join us.

Newcomer's Class

Are you new to the Sun Prairie United Methodist Church or want to learn more about our ministries and what membership in The United Methodist Church means? Join us for our next Newcomer's Class on Thursday, January 22 at 6:30 pm in the Church Library. Childcare provided by contacting

the church office by January 20. Contact the church office at (office@sunprairieumc.org) to let us know you are coming or with questions.

Michael W. Hillestad in Concert  
It's Sunday! Come- A- Singing  
Holiday Leftovers

Come one, come all to an old fashioned hymn sing led by musician Michael W. Hillestad. Everyone is invited to join in song and community. While there will be selections previously made, requests will be taken at various points throughout the festivities. Come sing, or listen, to your favorite hymns with masterful accompaniments provided by Michael on either the piano or organ.

This exciting event will be held from 1:30 to 2:30 pm on Sunday, January 25th at the Sun Prairie United Methodist Church.

A free-will donation will be collected that will go toward Shelter from the Storm Ministries.

Thank you for any donation you might give

January Outreach Collection

Did you know that elementary kids are not permitted to play during recess in the winter if they don't have snow pants? There is a huge need for these & winter jackets.

During the month of January in partnership with New Crossing Church, we will be collecting snowpants and winter jackets

for elementary-age students. We will be collaborating with Community schools to collect and donate NEW and GENTLY USED items for boys and girls, sizes 4T to adult medium.

There is a collection basket in the narthex, or you can write a check that includes the word 'Outreach' in the memo line.