Psalm 66:1-12

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth! Sing praises to the glory of God's name! Make glorious God's praise! Say to God: "How awesome are your works! Because of your great strength, your enemies cringe before you. All the earth worships you, sings praises to you, sings praises to your name!" Come and see God's deeds; God's works for human beings are awesome: God turned the sea into dry land so they could cross the river on foot. Right there we rejoiced in God! God rules with power forever; keeps a good eye on the nations. So don't let the rebellious exalt themselves. All you nations, bless our God! Let the sound of God's praise be heard! God preserved us among the living; God didn't let our feet slip a bit. But you, God, have tested us— you've refined us like silver, trapped us in a net, laid burdens on our backs, let other people run right over our heads—we've been through fire and water. But you brought us out to freedom!

2 Corinthians 8:1-5, 7-8

Brothers and sisters, we want to let you know about the grace of God that was given to the churches of Macedonia.

While they were being tested by many problems, their extra amount of happiness and their extreme poverty resulted in a surplus of rich generosity. I assure you that they gave what they could afford and even more than they could afford, and they did it voluntarily. They urgently begged us for the privilege of sharing in this service for the saints. They even exceeded our expectations, because they gave themselves to the Lord first and to us, consistent with God's will. Be the best in this work of grace in the same way that you are the best in everything, such as faith, speech, knowledge, total commitment, and the love we inspired in you. I'm not giving an order, but by mentioning the commitment of others, I'm trying to prove the authenticity of your love also.



October 12, 2025 9:00 am

*Please stand if it is comfortable for you

PRELUDE

WELCOME & GREETING

SONG OF BEGINNING

All of Me

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of God's name; give God glorious praise!

People: We come with songs of thanksgiving even when the path is hard. We give, not because

it's easy, but because God has first given to us.

Leader: Come and see what God has done; God's awesome deeds are for all

people.

People: Through the deep waters and the fire, God has brought us to a place of abundance.

Leader: Even when struggles have come and we are weary, God did not abandon us.

People: Come, let us worship the God who refines us like silver and leads us through trials into

triumph.

All: We worship with joy. We give with trust. We live with hearts full of gratitude. Praise be to

God!

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 66:1-12

*HYMN Take My Life, and Let It Be, No. 399

vs. 1-3 Red Hymnal

WITNESSING GOD'S LOVE TO OUR CHILDREN

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Love Regardless:

A Generous Life

MINISTRY OF MUSIC All Night, All Day

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 8:1-5, 7-8

SERMON Give Regardless

*HYMN Christ for the World We No. 568

Sing vs. 1 & 3-4 Red Hymnal

A TIME FOR PRAYER

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND OUR BLESSINGS

Invitation Offertory

Doxology No. 94 Red Hymnal

*CLOSING BLESSING

*CLOSING SONG May You Run and Not No. 2281

Be Weary Black Hymnal

Participating in Worship:

Rev. Jenny Arneson, Pastor

Amanda Hinthorn, Dir. of Community Engagement,

Worship Assistant, Children's Time

Eric Guelker, Reader

Sweet Assurance Choir, Music: Linda Barrett, Director:

Pam Girard, pianist

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.

Hall-O-Ween Donations

Our church will offer Hall-O-Ween on October 26th following worship. We are looking for candy donations. If you are able to make a donation, you can leave it on the table in the Narthex. If you have questions, contact Daniel Taylor, Director of Family Ministry at familymin@sunprairieumc.org.

<u>Supporting our new neighbors to stay warm this winter!</u>

Open Doors for Refugees (ODFR) is partnering with Centro Hispano to help our refugee and immigrant community gather housewares and bedding. Becoming acclimated to Wisconsin winters can be challenging!

For the month of October, SPUMC Outreach is collecting:

NEW OR CLEAN, GENTLY USED THROWS AND BLANKETS, TWIN OR FULL/QUEEN. BED PILLOWS, MUST BE NEW.

Open Doors for Refugees is an organization whose mission is to help refugees make a home in the Madison and Sun Prairie area, Open Doors collects furnishings and housewares to set up apartments, and provides translation, transportation, ESL, childcare, and employment services for refugees.

Vital Conversations on Immigration

Please join us in the Chapel today following worship as we continue to learn more about immigration together. We are watching videos from the UMC Commission on Race and Religion and enjoy conversations together. This class will run through November 2nd.

XYZ October 15th at 1pm

Libby Schmidt, program manager for liver transplants for adults and children at the UW Health Transplant Center will present information about waiting for a transplant, organs that can be transplanted, how many people are waiting, how being a donor works and answer any questions you may have. If you have questions about XYZ, please reach out to Pastor Brad.

It's Sunday Come-A-Singing

Come to an old fashioned hymn sing led by musician Michael W. Hillestad. You're 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 accompaniments provided by Michael on either the piano or organ. This event will be held from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm on Sunday, October 26th at the church. We will collect monetary and food donations for the Cardinal Heights Middle School Food Pantry.

Children's Church Changes

Children in 3rd through 5th grade will be invited to a special children's church each week called Joyful Play following our time with children in worship. Children in 2nd grade and under will still go to the nursery each week, and 3rd-5th will be in Room E-8 in the Education Wing. This will replace Sunday School for children.

Come and See Youth Group

Middle and High School Youth will meet in the Youth Room at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings, before separating into our discussion groups. We invite you to "Come and See" what it's all about. Caregivers and volunteers, if you're interested in serving as a co-lead in one of our discussion groups for one or more Sunday evenings, please see the weekly email to sign up. If you have any questions, contact Daniel Taylor, Director of Family Ministry familymin@sunprairieumc.org.