

Psalm 3

LORD, I have so many enemies! So many are standing against me. So many are talking about me: "Even God won't help him." But you, LORD, are my shield! You are my glory! You are the one who restores me. I cry out loud to the LORD, and God answers me from his holy mountain. I lie down, sleep, and wake up because the LORD helps me. I won't be afraid of thousands of people surrounding me on all sides. Stand up, LORD! Save me, my God! Rescue comes from the LORD! May your blessing be on your people!

Matthew 11:27-30

"God has handed all things over to me. No one knows the Son except God. And nobody knows God except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal God. "Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Put on my yoke, and learn from me. I'm gentle and humble. And you will find rest for yourselves. My yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light."



October 19, 2025 9:00 am

**Please stand if it is comfortable for you*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & GREETING

SONG OF BEGINNING

Beautiful Savior

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come before God as equal in God's sight.

People: God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely.

Leader: None of us is perfect and without blemish or fault.

People: Yet God has called us beloved and asked us to be compassionate and responsible in our caring and our witness.

Leader: We are called to follow God's ways with faithfulness and use our voices to speak God's good news of love in the midst the loud voices of injustice.

People: Thanks be to God who gives rest to our weary souls and pours abundant love on us.

All: We are God's beloved children, the stewards whom God has selected to care for the world and its people.

SCRIPTURE READING		Psalm 3
*HYMN	<i>Jesus Calls Us, vs. 1-2 & 4-5</i>	No. 398 Red Hymnal
WITNESSING GOD'S LOVE TO OUR CHILDREN		
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT	<i>Love Regardless: A Generous Life</i>	
MINISTRY OF MUSIC	<i>Pass it On</i>	
SCRIPTURE READING	Matthew 11:27-30	
SERMON	<i>Letting Go</i>	
*HYMN	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus, vs. 1-3</i>	No. 526 Red Hymnal
A TIME FOR PRAYER		
OFFERING OUR LIVES AND OUR BLESSINGS		
	Invitation	
	Offertory	
	Doxology	No. 94 Red Hymnal
*CLOSING BLESSING		
*CLOSING SONG	<i>May You Run and Not Be Weary</i>	No. 2281 Black Hymnal
POSTLUDE		

Participating in Worship:

Rev. Jenny Arneson, Pastor

Rev. Brad Mather, Dir. of Caring Ministries, Preaching

Dayna Woods, Reader

Heavenly Handbells, Music; Barb Kohler, Director

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 office@sunprairieumc.org or 837-5554 so we can get you on this email list.

Supporting our new neighbors to stay warm this winter!

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.

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.

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.