

* Indicates, please stand if able.

October 2, 2022. 9 am.

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: God rekindles the gift of faith in us.

P: God transforms enemies into sisters and brothers.

P: God prepares a feast for us.

Spirit of God, enlighten our hearts to the reality of divine presence in our midst. Let our worship be pleasing in your sight, so that our gathering is an experience of deep communion with you and one another. In the name of Jesus Christ, this is our prayer. Amen.

Children of the Heavenly Father

#141

Tom Epps

Joe & Maria Williams

Merciful and forgiving God, we need a spirit of love and acceptance to flood into our lives this day. Even though we celebrate World Communion Sunday with the giving of the precious bread and of the beloved wine, still we harbor anger and vehemence against others. We act out of frustration rather than love. We hoard your gifts and only grudgingly share our bounty with others. We find ways to turn our backs on you, claiming that other things are more important than our faith. And then in the midst of struggle and strife, we come back to you, awash in tears and sorrow. We plead for your help and salvation. Remind us again, O Lord, that your love has always and will always be with us. You have called us to be witnesses to the good things that can happen when we follow your ways. You have asked us to reach out, across our borders, our oceans, our fears to others with the reconciling love of your Son Jesus Christ. Heal us from our selfishness and our apathy. Give us courage and strength for the ministries in which you have placed us. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

From the beginning of all creation, God's word was love. That love has been lavished upon you, not because you did anything to earn it, but because it is God's great gift to you. Live in that love and bring peace to others. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(In Unison)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

What will buy us peace? What is the price of security? What do we have, what can we hold onto, that will ensure that we will live all our days in comfort? What do we own that is not a gift from the One of abundant grace? Nothing we can own will buy true peace. Real security is priceless. Only the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, can assure us that we will be comfortable or comforted. All things come from the One of abundant grace. Let us give generously, in token of the abundance of our thanks.

One World, One Communion

Choir

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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Ephesians 4:1-6

O God Beyond All Praising

#2009

MESSAGE	“One in the Spirit and the Gospel”	Rev. Shon
HOLY COMMUNION		#13-15
CLOSING HYMN	<i>Without Seeing You</i>	#2206
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Shon
POSTLUDE		Matthew Schluntz

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 4:1-6

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ²Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRAYER FAMILIES: Pray for all those who need healing, or have health issues. Specifically, pray for Karen Dolsey, Madyson Schultz, Nancy Iuliano, and Edward Brauner. Also continue to pray for those in Ukraine and other areas of the world where people are suffering.

FRESH EXPRESSIONS: Today at 10:30am, at the Church. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECTIONS: Sept 21st at 5 pm. All are invited. This weeks’ sponsor is the Youth Group.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH: monthly meeting on October 3 at the church. A supper of soup, rolls, and dessert will be served at 5:30pm followed by a faith message. Dana Rave will present the program Family, Faith, and Flowers at 6pm. All women are invited to join in fellowship.

HOSPITAL BED: Anyone in need of a Hospital Bed *for free*, call 715-257-0097.

TRUNK OR TREAT: Monday October 31, 5-7pm. Reserve your vehicle spot by Monday October 24th by contacting the church office. Donations of candy or monetary donations towards candy purchases should be brought to the office. If interested call the office or email at brfumc@gmail.com or contact Suzanne at 715-896-0224 or email suziegoldsmith@hotmail.com.

SCRIP CARDS: When you are thinking of ideas for gift giving or personal use, consider Scrip cards. Stop at the gathering area on Sundays or call Marcia at 715-284-3346

USHERS/GREETERS: Diane and Pat Moe

THIS WEEK AT THE CHURCH:

Monday:	United Women in Faith	5:30 pm		
Wednesday:	Children Class	4:30 pm	Pre Confirmation	5:00 pm
	Wednesday Connections	4:45 pm	Youth	6:00 pm
	Choir	6:15 pm	Confirmation	7:00 pm
	Bell Choir	7:15 pm		

Black River Falls United Methodist Church



‘Mission statement:

"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by proclaiming the good news of God's grace and by exemplifying Jesus' command to love God and neighbor, thus seeking the fulfillment of God's reign and realm in the world."

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