

ORDER OF WORSHIP

\* Indicates, please stand if able.

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Laity Sunday                      October 16, 2022.    9 am.  
Liturgist:   Tom Epps

WELCOME, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST, & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Power and might and majesty belong to God who created and is creating.  
**P: Thanks be to God for God’s mighty wonders.**  
L: Like the image of the powerful wind, and heavens as a garment, God’s majesty is revealed  
in all creation.  
**P: We look around us at the wonders and marvel and the infinite variety and beauty  
which God has created.**  
L: Who are we, that God should pay attention to us?  
**P: We are God’s beloved children, the stewards whom God has selected to care for the  
world. AMEN.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Lord! Hear me as I pray that Thou wouldest everywhere bless the closets of Thy believing people.  
Let Thy wonderful revelation of a Father’s tenderness free all young Christians from every  
thought of secret prayer as a duty or a burden, and lead them to regard it as the highest privilege  
of their life, a joy and a blessing. Bring back all who are discouraged, because they cannot find  
ought to bring Thee in prayer. O give them to understand that they have only to come with their  
emptiness to Him who has all to give, and delights to do it. Not, what they have to bring the Father,  
but what the Father waits to give them, be their one thought. Amen.** - Andrew Murray (1828-1917)

\*OPENING HYMN                      *Be Thou My Vision*                      #451

CHILDREN’S TIME                      Roxie Hostrawser

CHILDREN’S SABBATH                      Roxie Hostrawser

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRIES                      Youth, Mission Outreach,  
United Women in Faith

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**We can get caught up in selfish pursuits and completely over-look the wonders of your creation,  
O God. All around us are majestic reminders of the beauty you offer to us. But we are weak and**

**easily trapped into attitudes of indifference or destructive behavior. You have not given this  
world to us that we should destroy it, but rather that we should cherish it and make sure that all  
receive from its bounty. Forgive our overwhelming greed and selfishness. Help us to let go of the  
petty desires for wealth, position, and power, and bring us into a ministry which proclaims your  
love and justice for all your people. These things we pray in the name of the Master Servant,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God hears the cries of our hearts, sees our actions and knows our attitudes. In the midst of our  
sinfulness, God reaches out to heal and forgive us. Receive the forgiveness which God has offered  
to you. Live in God’s love. AMEN.

PASTORAL PRAYER                      Rev. Shon

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.

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS

Even as God invites us to bring our needs in prayer. God also invites us to bring our gifts in service  
to the world. Let us bring our gifts with as much tenacity and courage as we bring our needs and  
prayers before God.

CELEBRATION OF MUSIC MINISTRY                      Amanda Lang

SPECIAL MUSIC                      *God Help the Outcasts* by Alan Menken                      Amanda Lang

\*DOXOLOGY                      *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*                      #95

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE                      2 Timothy 1:8-12

HYMN OF PRAISE                      *Guide My Feet*                      #2208

MESSAGE                      **“A\*Maze\*Ing Grace”**                      Lay leader, Tom Epps

CLOSING HYMN                      *Here I am Lord*                      #593

\*BENEDICTION                      Rev. Shon

**SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 1:8-12** (New International Version)

<sup>8</sup> So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. <sup>9</sup> He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, <sup>10</sup> but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup> And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. <sup>12</sup> That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**PRAYER FAMILIES:** Pray for all those who need healing, or have health issues. Specifically, pray for Ellen Hieb, Sally Burgau, Marlene Taylor, Karen Dolsey, Madyson Schultz, and Edward & Vione 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.

**DISCIPLESHIP CLASS 201:** Oct. 20, Nov. 3, 10, 17, at 5 pm – 6:30pm. Dinner will be served.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECTIONS:** UMM will be serving meals.

**YOUTH BREAKFAST:** The Youth will serve breakfast today. Come and enjoy food, fellowship and support of our youth. There will be a free-will offering.

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

**STEWARDSHIP SPOOKTACULAR:** Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup>, Hudson UMC, Hudson, WI. 9am-3pm. Contact the office if you are interested.

**BAKING DISHES:** Several baking dishes/plates have been left in the kitchen. Those dishes not claimed will be donated to Goodwill.

**USHERS/GREETERS:** Paul and Robin Hoffman

**THIS WEEK AT THE CHURCH:**

Sunday:	Youth Breakfast	10:00am	Fresh Expressions	10:30am
Wednesday:	Children Class	4:30pm		
	Wednesday Connections	4:45-6pm	Pre-Confirmation	5-6pm
	Youth	6-7pm	Confirmation Class	7-8pm
	Choir	6:15pm	Bell Choir	7:15pm
Thursday:	Discipleship Class 201	5-6:30pm		

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**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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