

September 22, 2024; 9:00 am
Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

We Gather Together

***Welcome** to today's Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom, watching on our YouTube channel, or listening on KFIZ, we are glad you are here. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. We extend a special welcome to our visitors, and if you have not already received your welcome gift, please pick one up as you leave the sanctuary after worship.*

Copies of the Glory to God hymnal and Common English Bibles are available at the back of the sanctuary for your use during worship.

Prelude: God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heaven

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship *arr. by Dale Wood*
arr. by Don Hustad

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship**

Joanne M., Liturgist

Jesus calls us to servant ministry.

We must be willing to help others, not counting the cost or rewards.

Pretense, disharmony, greed have no place in discipleship.

Serving God means receiving each person as though they were a beloved child.

Lord, help us to truly become your disciples.

Create in us hearts for ministries of compassion and kindness. AMEN.

*** Opening Prayer**

Lord, be with us this day, helping us to put our priorities in order; so that we may faithfully serve you by serving your people. Heal our spirits. Enable us to follow your ways all the days of our lives. AMEN.

***Hymn: GTG 396 “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”**

Carol W., Cantor

***Call to Confession**

Joanne M., Liturgist

We try to convince ourselves that our lives are pleasing to God. We are God's children, growing in faith, producing fruit through our works. But we must admit our passions are not always pure, and our motives are often selfish. Let us open ourselves to the healing mercy of God's love as we confess the inadequacy of our faith, praying together...

***Prayer of Confession**

Joanne M., Liturgist

Holy God, we gather together to praise you, to encounter your love, and to celebrate your resurrection. But we admit that our submission to serving you is far from perfect. We have found our attention to your will distracted and divided by other claims upon us. We have discovered how difficult it is to remain focused on you. We have divided our loyalties in ways that do not allow full service to you, our one and only God.

Silent Confession

(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)

Forgive us Lord, and enable us to enjoy the fullness of your love. Strengthen us and inspire us to a whole-hearted devotion. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

When we submit ourselves to God, we are drawn into the heart of divine love and forgiveness. Out of that deep love for us God sent Jesus into the world to save sinners - and to make all things new. And so I declare to you, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Sharing God's Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those

who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.)

***Sung Response GTG 582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”**

God’s Word Is Proclaimed

Psalm Reading: Psalm 54 (Common English Bible)

(page 522 in the pew Bible, page 705 Common English Bible)

God! Save me by your name;
defend me by your might!

**God! Hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth!**

The proud have come up against me;
violent people want me dead.
They pay no attention to God.

**But look here: God is my helper;
my Lord sustains my life.**

He will bring disaster on my opponents.
By your faithfulness, God, destroy them!

**I will sacrifice to you freely;
I will give thanks to your name, Lord,
because it’s so good,
and because God has delivered me
from every distress.**

My eyes have seen my enemies’ defeat.

Scripture Reading: Mark 9:30-37 (Common English Bible)

(page 45 in the pew Bible, page 1229 Common English Bible)

From there Jesus and his followers went through Galilee, but he didn’t want anyone to know it. This was because he was teaching his disciples, “The Human One will be delivered into human hands. They

will kill him. Three days after he is killed he will rise up.” But they didn’t understand this kind of talk, and they were afraid to ask him.

They entered Capernaum. When they had come into a house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about during the journey?” They didn’t respond, since on the way they had been debating with each other about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be least of all and the servant of all.” Jesus reached for a little child, placed him among the Twelve, and embraced him. Then he said, “Whoever welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me isn’t actually welcoming me but rather the one who sent me.”

Children’s Time

Jennifer Zander

***Hymn: GTG 298** “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” v. 1, 2, & 4

Sermon: “The Great Path of Life”

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned 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.

We Respond to God's Word

The Practice of Gratitude

In response to God's Word and remembering all things come from God, we offer with thanks a portion of that which God has entrusted to us. The ushers will collect God's tithes and our offerings. For those who have given in other forms, there are cards in the pew racks that you may use as a tangible action of gratitude to God. No matter what we return to God in material forms, may we spiritually place our hearts, and our very lives, in God's hands, to be re-shaped for ministry in Christ, furthering God's kingdom here on earth.

Moment for Mission: Loaves and Fishes update

Offering Music: GTG 783 "When We Are Tested"

Carol W.

***Offertory: GTG 708** "We Give Thee but Thine Own" vs. 1 & 4

***Offertory Prayer**

***Hymn: GTG 361** "O Christ, the Great Foundation" v. 1 & 2

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: Fantasia on "Aurelia"

arr. by Rob Roy Perry

Keep in Prayer

Arnold L.	Dick and Maryann*	Marie L.
Ashley K.* (Dave E Daughter)	Gib D.	Mike S.*
Bob & Ollive B.	Jesse F.	Qualine S.* (Jodi A mom)
Brian C.	Joan K.(Marcus A. Mom)	Pat D.
Bruce L.* (Arnold L's son)	Karen & David H.*	Paul W.
Chastity G. & Joan S.	Liam A.	Sally S.
Corinne C.	Lynn K.*	Sherry M.
Danielle B.	Lynn M.	

The names in bold are new to the prayer list. The names with an asterisk (*) are not church members. However, a church member has received permission to ask that they be lifted in prayer.

If you or someone you know would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact a Deacon or the church staff. Prayer request cards are available in the Prayer Box located in the Narthex, in the church pews, or online ([click here](#)). You can place your prayer request in the offering plate or the lock box at the church office door. For electronic prayer requests, please complete the form and click submit.

If you have a pastoral concern, that happens before or after office hours, please call the office (920.922.0425), press #2 for Pastoral Care.

WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

Individuals in Person: 78
 Zoom Households: 0-Outside Serv.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
09/15/2024	\$1451.00	Tithes/Offerings
	\$.00	"Pave the Way"
9/9--13/24	\$ 481.00	Vanco Online "Tithes/Offerings"
	\$ 10.00	Vanco Online "Pave the Way"
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	\$1942.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK

Financial Giving and Gratitude

You can give online at www.fdlpresbyterian.org [Giving page](#). (Click on 'Online Giving'.) You can also give by cash or check on Sunday morning, or by mail. We are so very thankful for your contributions that help us do God's work in our church and in our community.

This Week

Sunday	September 22
9:00-10:00am	Worship
10:15-11:15am	Fellowship Time
10:15-11:15am	Growing Connections-Marshfield Church Solar Project
10:15-11:15am	Sunday School-Gathering Room
Monday	September 23
10:00-11:30am	Staff Meeting
Tuesday	September 24
6:00-7:00pm	AA Meeting
6:30-8:00pm	Slow Church Book Study
Wednesday	September 25
8:00-9:00am	Men's Breakfast
10:00-11:30am	Slow Church Book Study
4:00-5:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal
7:00-8:00pm	Confirmation Informational Meeting
Thursday	September 26
10:00-4:00pm	Winnebago Presbytery Meeting
6:30-7:30pm	Teacher Training
7:00-8:00pm	Worship Team Meeting
Saturday	September 27
9:00-10:00am	Teacher Training

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