

Doxology.....

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him,  
all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Prayer

**O God, you have power and wisdom and might. You deserve honor and glory. We come to you, Holy One, blessed by your abundant life, To offer ourselves as your faithful workers. We bring our gifts this day, trusting that they will serve your people. Amen.**

Closing Hymn.....Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone.....

See insert

Benediction

Go forth to continue to experience the risen Christ. May the abundant blessings of God's love surround and feed you, as God renews you day by day.

Bell Benediction.....Holy God We Praise Thy Name.....

Postlude

**10:00 am Worship Today**

- + Preaching: Pastor Maribel Celiz
- + Organist: Brenda Nitardy
- + Liturgist: Scott Albrecht
- + Coffee Hour Host: Diane Abendroth

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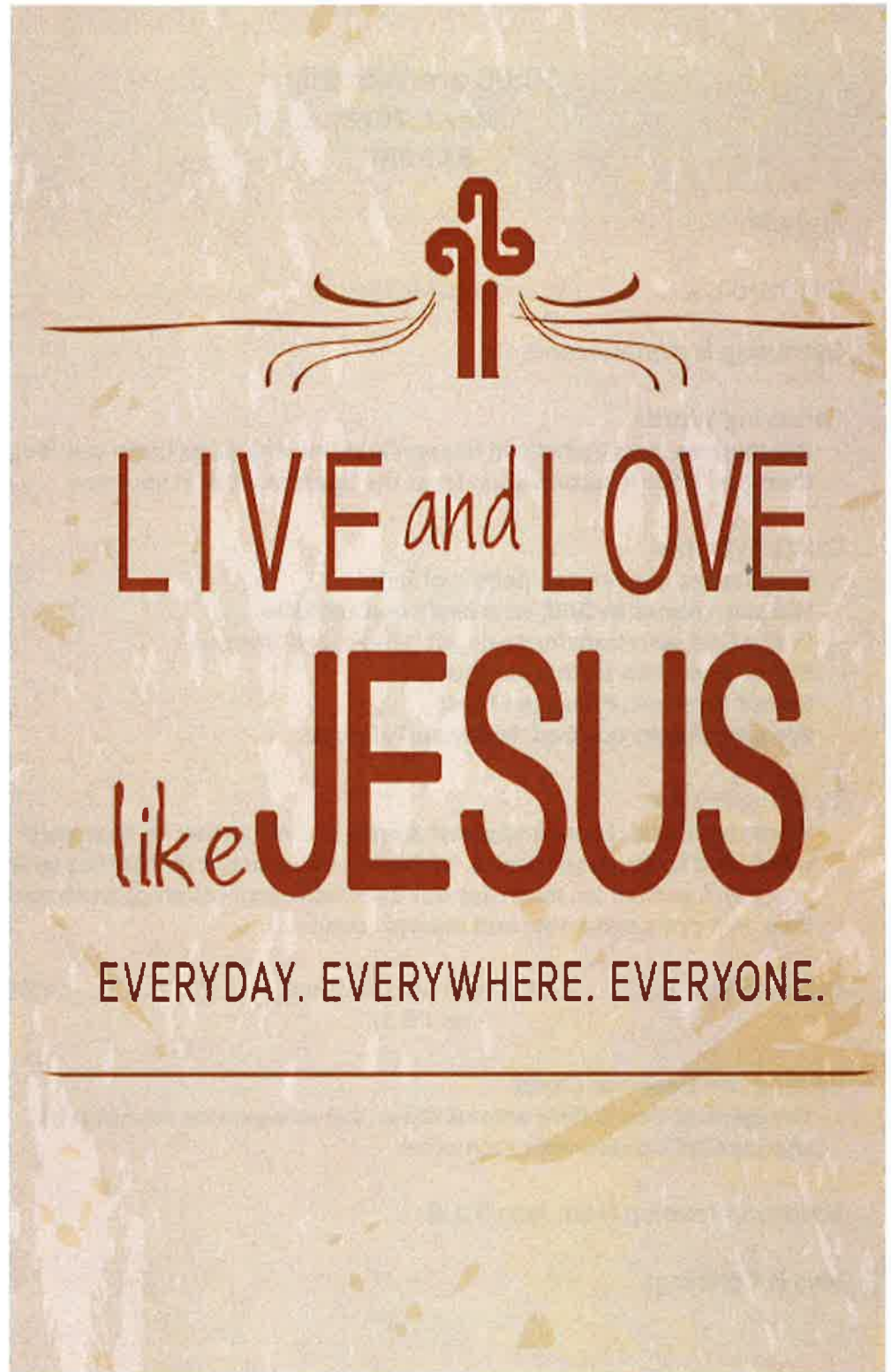
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10:00 am Worship

May 1, 2022

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Prelude

Bell Introit.....Open My Eyes.....

Gathering & Announcements

Centering Words

We think we know what will happen and how things will turn out. But then God's Spirit surprises us. Trust the Spirit at work in you now.

Call to Worship

Sing praises to God, you people of faith.
We give thanks to God, who heals and restores.
Praise God who transforms us, who heals and loves us.
Praise God, who clothes us with joy.
Do not be silent. Praise the Lord!
We give thanks our God, today and always.

Opening Prayer

Wisdom of God, come and dwell among us. We gather to hear your word, and to sing your praise. We come as we are, trusting that your grace will perfect us. Interrupt our lives with your vision of truth and love. We praise you now and always. Amen.

Opening Hymn.....It Is Well with My Soul.....#377
vs 1 & 3

Passing the Peace of Christ

The Spirit of God is here with us today. Let us welcome the Spirit by sharing God's peace with each other.

Scripture Reading from Acts 9:1-9

Joys & Concerns

Prayer/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. 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.

Moment with Children

Bell Anthem.....Blessed Assurance.....

Hymn.....Blessed Assurance.....#369

Scripture Reading from John 21:1-19

Sermon.....Great Encounter.....

Communion

Affirmation of Faith

(Apostles Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\*\*church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Invitation to the Offering/Passing the Offering Plate

The Spirit of Christ is here with us today. The Spirit of God continues to touch many lives around the world. Let us respond by helping spread God's love with our offerings.

Offertory.....Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone).....

## *The Great Thanksgiving*

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Rejoice and be glad.

**We praise God with joy.**

thanks be to God.

**we thank God with our whole hearts.**

We join with every creature in heaven and on earth, every creature under the earth and in the sea, to sing your praises. You created all that is, bringing forth goodness and new life. You are at work in our world still, transforming lives, healing brokenness, comforting those who mourn. Your people were not always faithful. They followed their own desires, lashing out in anger, forgetting those in need. You sent prophets to call them back to your paths, reminding them of your love, and telling them to care for one another. You were always faithful, for you loved your people.

And so, we join all creation as we sing praise to you:

**Worthy is our God and worthy is Jesus Christ! Power and might be yours! Wisdom and honor be yours! Glory and blessings be yours! Amen and amen. Now and forever. Amen.**

You gave us Jesus to walk with us and to show us your love. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and taught us your ways. He showed us the abundance of your love and reminded us to share it with others.

On the night before his death, Jesus gathered with his followers, telling them to love one another.

He shared a meal with them, taking bread, blessing it, breaking it, and giving it to them, saying, "This is my very being. When you eat this, remember that I am with you."

He took the cup, blessed it, and gave it, saying. "This is the cup of forgiveness, poured out in abundance for you and for all people. As you drink this, remember that I am with you."

And so, we offer our very selves, with glad and grateful hearts, As we proclaim this mystery:

**Christ was with us from the beginning.**

**Christ is with us today.**

**Christ will be with us until the end of time.**

Send your spirit of abundant love upon these gifts of the earth, Bread and wine.

Transform them, by the power of your grace, into food for our bodies and nourishment for our souls. Send our Spirit upon us, and transform us by the power of your Wisdom, that we may become the body of Christ, feeding his lambs, and tending to his sheep. All praise is yours, God of power and might, wisdom and honor, glory and blessing. all praise is your, now and forever. Amen.

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## Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone

Amazing grace How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind, but now I see  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love, Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God, my Savior ransomed me  
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My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God, my Savior ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love, Amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God, Who called me here below  
Will be forever mine Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

# 40 Days of Prayer Walks

Join us for



## Neighborhood Prayer Walks

Daily walking my street and covering my neighborhood with prayer.

April 2—May 18

Closing with a trail walk at Haumerson's Pond on May 21, starting at 8:30 a.m. We will finish with a celebration picnic lunch at noon on Sunday, May 22 at the church.

Prayer walks are powerful; as believers, we need to step out and pray for our church, ministry, and community. If you are not able to walk, you can do 40 hours of prayer in your own home. Print out your route map, select a time and pray for your community and church.

## Thursday Spiritual Renewal & Prayer

Every Thursday  
6:30 p.m. In the Sanctuary

## First United Methodist Church Announcements in Brief

May 1, 2022

### Announcements:

**+Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed:** Have you got a couple of hours to help out your neighbors? May 2-June 3 are the dates our church delivers food to folks who need delicious healthy meals. The time commitment is less than two hours during the week from 11 o'clock pick up at door 15 of the hospital near the ambulance entrance. It takes about two hours to deliver 15 to 20 meals per day. A team of two works well but a route can be done by one person. Contact Diane Abendroth with questions 920.563.5901. You can sign up by calling the church office or clicking on this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B48AEA72CA5FE3-meals1>

## FUMC Social Activity for May



Join your FUMC Family for fun, fellowship, fresh air, fitness, feathers, and Geocache finding (Geocaching is an outdoor recreational activity, in which participants use navigational techniques to find containers, called "geocaches" or "caches" that contain a "treasure".

Bring your binoculars for bird watching.

If you don't feel like walking or hiking, they have a very nice pavilion for visiting and having a picnic. Outdoor/Pit restrooms on site as well.

**Where:** Dorothy Carnes County Park Pavilion, N3220 Radloff Ln, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538 (Off of Hwy 12 going towards Cambridge)

**When:** Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 10:00-12:00





## Mother's Day is coming!

Come to church- the kids are

leading the service!

We have kid greeters

kid liturgists, songs,

Mrs. Kate is preaching,

plus gifts for mom!

**See you there May 8th!**

## Lord, We Lift Our PRAYERS To You!

For our members & friends...

God has called us to support each other in prayer and so each week we list members and friends from our fellowship so we can all pray for them.



Salvador Ayala Heredia  
Barb Kelly  
Mark Sherman

Josh Gehl  
Phil Niemeyer  
Virginia Werling

### Prayer Concerns & Celebrations...

Concerns & celebrations that have been shared with us:

#### Prayer Concerns & Celebrations:

Bernice Neff—In Hospice Care

William Sleaver—In Hospice Care

Eduardo – Cancer/Recovering from Surgery

Paul Babcock – Health Concerns

Gail – Home Finally & Improving/Thanks for Prayers

Shirley Anderson – Continues with Radiation

Please write your prayer concerns on the back of the Communication Card that you will find in the bulletin. Place the Card in the offering plate. We will begin praying for your concern on Monday.

If you would like to be part of our e-prayer chain please make the request on the Communication Card or email [office@fortmethodist.org](mailto:office@fortmethodist.org) and you will be added to the list of emails receiving the prayer concerns.