

Woodbury
United Methodist Church



Sunday, August 21, 2022
9:30am

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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Sandra Eithun
Bell Choir

GREETING Pastor Michael Cobb

*CALL TO WORSHIP Elizabeth Styblo

The Lord calls to us to go into the world—

We will go!

God commands us speak as God commands—

We will speak!

God assures us, “Do not be afraid”—

We trust that God will deliver us! Amen!

*OPENING HYMN UMH #138 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Holy God, you have created us with purpose.

You have given each of us gifts and talents that we might use to bring forth your kingdom to this earth! You have bestowed on us unique abilities that allow us to help your children across the world the poor, the orphan, the widow, the immigrant, and the oppressed. How beautiful a gift you have given us! Forgive us when we forget to share it. As you did for the prophet Jeremiah, put your hand to our mouths, our hands, our feet, our minds... all the different parts of us so that we may speak, act, write, teach, comfort, and share your good news! May our magnificently different voices carry the incredible message of your love, redemption, and grace. We are called to be prophets! Amen.

THE LORDS PRAYER (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.**

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58

*HYMN OF PREPARATION UMH #695

O Lord, May Church and Home Combine

SERMON

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The Spirit of God works through us, speaking hope through our words. The mercy of Christ works within us, healing neighbors through our actions in Christ's name. Now let us freely give of our time, treasure, and talent for the work of God's church in the world.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

Sandra Eithun

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

UMH #95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Mighty God, bringing our tithes and offerings to you today, we pray over them and sing your praises. Then we slink back into our day-to-day lives, hoping those gifts meet the expectations of our discipleship. You have called us to more – to speak for you, to make our testimony part of our offering, which terrifies us. Then scripture reminds us that you will provide us with the words. Give us the faith and courage to speak of your love, mercy, and compassion. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

*CLOSING HYMN UMH #462

Lord, Speak to Me

BENEDICTION

Stand tall and walk in Christ's peace. Speak up and tell of God's goodness. Touch and heal with the Spirit's love, today and always. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE (UMH #728)

Come Sunday

Duke Ellington

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Visitors are warmly welcomed!

Thanks to all those making special contributions to our worship service today: *Elizabeth Styblo*, Liturgist & Reader; *Christine and Anna Shupenis*, Greeters and Ushers; *Theron Kissinger*, Audio Visual Technician

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We are a welcoming Christian fellowship who celebrate and share God's love with everyone. We seek a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Inspired by His example, we strive to be God's hands in this world. Empowered by God's word, we proclaim the Gospel and serve through worship, study, mission, and community support.

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The Prayer Corner

In prayer, please remember the people of Ukraine; The people of Kenya; Bill Wilhelms; Bob and Martha Asman; Michael Etcheto, grandson of Barbara Etcheto; Linda Bailey; Anders, uncle of Diane Hibbard; Melissa, daughter Pete Vindigni; For Aunt Phoebe's transition into eternity and God's comfort for all those who love her; Aurelia (Watertown congregant); Bonnie Stevens; protection for our church, our volunteers, and our congregants.

The WUMC handbell choir invites all interested ringers - high-school-age through adult - to "come aboard" for the season - no experience necessary! Plans include several light-hearted accompaniments to Biblical "dramas" shared during services of worship; first up is "Noah and the Ark" on October 16. Rehearsals take place on Wednesdays from 6-7:15 pm, beginning on August 31. For more information, contact Chris Shay: 2cshay@gmail.com; or Barb Hunt: babs2597@gmail.com.