



# WELCOME TO COMMUNITY

## – UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ELM GROVE, WISCONSIN EST: 1949

**Sunday Service**  
July 14, 2024

\*Indicates to stand as you are able.

Words in bold invite a community response.

The text of *Be Still, My Soul* was written by Katharina von Schlegel, the leader of the eighteenth-century German Pietistic movement of a similar religious reformation vein to the Wesleyan movement. This text, reflecting on Psalm 46:10, is a prayer for trust and submission to God's will in times of grief and pain. You may recognize the hymn tune, FINLANDIA, from the final moments of Jean Sibelius's orchestral tone poem of the same name. A tone poem is a musical composition that depicts a non-musical idea; in the case of *Finlandia*, the music represents the Finnish struggle for independence at the turn of the twentieth century.

### Gathering Music

*Are Ye Able*  
Susan Krechel

arr. Lloyd Larson

### Welcome and Greeting

#### \*Call to Worship

Come, friends, you are welcome here, as everywhere, in the loving presence of God. Sit. Listen. Breathe. This presence is a precious gift.

#### **We breathe in the gift of God.**

Bubbling, beautiful joy that bursts from our hearts. Joy in this earth, for the blessed bustle of beings that make this their home.

#### **We breathe the gift of hope.**

Hope for the past, that we can hear true stories. Hope for today, that we can be people of God's healing. Hope for the future, for the world renewed where justice and peace embrace.

#### **We breathe in the gift of love.**

Love that fills and overflows. Love that will never turn away, even from our darkest places.

#### **We breathe in the gift of life.**

Come, into the gift of new life, in the name of the true and living Holy One, who made us for love, who sustains us with love, and who loves us still. Come in the fullness of life!

#### \*Hymn

*Be Still, My Soul*

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#### \*Opening Prayer

**Loving Creator, today, we gather in gratitude and praise. You have crafted this beautiful universe and all the incredible wonders within it. Your blessings have guided us through every step of our journey, bringing us to this moment of joy and thanksgiving. Let our spirits rise with hope and our hearts sing out with the boldness of your boundless love. We celebrate your unwavering presence with us and the love that binds all creation together. We offer this prayer in all Your Holy names. Amen.**

### Special Music

*God's Coloring Book*  
Joseph & Kirsten Krechel

Dolly Parton

Reflecting on our daily lives and routines, in what ways can we lovingly embrace the power paradox, following Jesus' example to share and uplift others, creating a community of mutual support and respect instead of one characterized by control or dominance?

As we reflect on the love and grace we've received, let's consider how we give back to our community. Every tithe and offering, small or large, makes a meaningful impact. Thank you for being part of this mission and our ministry.

You are invited to join us for fellowship and refreshments at The Connection!

## Prayer for Illumination

**Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read, and the Word is shared. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. Amen.**

## Scripture

Mark 6:14-29

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Message

*A Power Paradox*

## \*Hymn

*Blessed Assurance*

UMH #369

## 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 and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## Ministry Moment

### Invitation to the Offering

## Offertory

*Offertorium*

Gordon Young

## \*Offering Response

*O God Beyond All Praising*

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## \*Prayer of Dedication

**Gracious God, we present these offerings for your work of love and justice in our world. May they be used to bring hope, healing, and support to those in need. Bless each gift and each giver and guide us in using these resources wisely. Amen.**

## \*Hymn

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

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## \*Blessing and Sending Forth

## \*Postlude

*How Firm a Foundation*

arr. Wilbur Held

*The flowers on the altar are given by the Krechels in gratitude for family.*



### THIS WEEK IN JOURNEY...

We will look at the next of this six-part series from Homebrewed Christianity on Faith and Politics. It will feature six half hour videos, each from a different person, with their perspective on the topic. This is week 5. As stated by Diana Butler Bass... "This course isn't a tirade against something. Instead, we are for something."



The food pantry of **Rooted & Rising: Washington Park** is requesting these "suggested" items for July. Thank you for your donations!

- lunch items such as soups and macaroni & cheese
- miscellaneous items such as condiments, sugar, spices, and seasonings
- toilet paper and bar soap.

Your donations may be left inside the marked bins in the entryway off the courtyard during the week (M-Th 8:00-3:30 and Fri 8:00-2:30). On Sundays, the courtyard door is unlocked from 8:00-11:00 AM, so you may also bring your donations when you come to Church or leave them in the Narthex and someone will take them down for you.

### Let's Sew Together This Summer!

We have dates set and a slate of fun sewing projects planned for the summer—please join us!

Our gatherings are all at 10:00 am in the Disciple Room. Come with your basic sewing skills and the desire for some fun, creative outreach pursuits (and plenty of good fellowship)!

**Thursday, August 8**—Placemats and coasters



[www.cumceg.org/Wellbeing](http://www.cumceg.org/Wellbeing)

**Blood Drive  
Save the Date!**  
Friday, August 2nd - 9:00am - 1:00pm



**Join us in saving lives!**

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Alzheimer's isn't stopping.  
**Neither are we.**

**WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S**  
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

**SAVE THE DATE**

**September 7, 2024**  
Frame Park - Waukesha, WI

Donate online  
Note your donations  
"ALZ Walk"

Fundraise!  
Create an account  
and fundraise with  
your facebook page

Walk with us!  
Join the Community  
Walk to End  
Alzheimer's team!

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## Weekly Happenings

### Sunday – June 14<sup>th</sup>

- Sunday Service – 9:30am – Sanctuary
- Connection – 10:30am – Revelation Room
- Journey Class – 10:45am – Disciple Room

### Monday – July 15<sup>th</sup> (Pastor Kris' Sabbath)

- MDO Summer Camp – 9:30am – Education Wing
- AA Group – 8:00pm – Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday – July 16<sup>th</sup>

- MDO Summer Camp – 9:30am – Education Wing
- Program Staff Meeting – 1:00pm – Office Conference Room
- Contemporary Rehearsal – 7:30pm – Sanctuary

### Wednesday – July 17<sup>th</sup>

- Breakfast Fellowship – 7:30am – OFF SITE – Panera at Ruby Isle
- MDO Summer Camp – 9:30am – Education Wing
- Mission Team Meeting – 10:30am – Fellowship Hall

### Thursday – July 18<sup>th</sup>

- MDO Summer Camp – 9:30am – Education Wing
- Servant Leadership Team Meeting – 7:00pm – Zoom Meeting
- AA Group Meeting – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

### Friday – July 19<sup>th</sup> (Pastor Bridget's Sabbath) – **Welcome Word Deadline**

### Saturday – July 20<sup>th</sup>

### Sunday – July 21<sup>st</sup>

- Sunday Service – 9:30am – Sanctuary
- Connection – 10:30am – Revelation Room
- Journey Class – 10:45am – Disciple Room

*Community United Methodist Church is building a community of people  
who love God and neighbor through a focus on  
Intergenerational Community Service and Overall Health and Wellbeing.*

### **SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Tom Twinem; Dean Johnson; Christian Fuller; Katy Wilson; Don Down;  
Sheryl Cavan; Jeff Turmel, Justin Forbes; Tom Connor

### **CHURCH STAFF**

Pastors: Rev. Kris Androsky & Rev. Bridget Case  
Office Administrator: Chriss Stump  
Music: Danielle Bridges – Director of Music; Tyler Walters – Praise Team;  
Susan Krechel & Randy Bryant – Organists