

## INVITATIONS TO ACTION

\*If you are not already receiving our Monday Devotional Word of the Week or our weekly Thursday email that outlines what is happening in the life of this faith community please reach out to the church office at 837-5554 or [office@sunprairieumc.org](mailto:office@sunprairieumc.org) so we can get you on this email list. Our Word of the Week devotional is now also on our Podcast channel. You can now listen to the Word of the Week as well as read it.

\*Join us to help with fall cleanup at the Colonial Club in Sun Prairie at 301 Blankenheim Ln. on Saturday, November 9 from 9-11 am. We will meet at the Colonial Club and be given instructions for our work. Bring work gloves. The rest of the supplies will be provided for us. Please contact the church office if you can help at [office@sunprairieumc.org](mailto:office@sunprairieumc.org) or 608-837-5554.

\*Our Annual Drive Through Live Nativity is set for December 7th from 5:30-7pm. We are still looking for volunteers to help with set up, clean up and acting roles. If you are interested in being a part of this special ministry this year, please reach out to Amanda Hinthorn at [ahinthorn@sunprairieumc.org](mailto:ahinthorn@sunprairieumc.org)

\*During the month of November the Outreach team will be collecting leggings and sweatpants for the school nurse at Northside Elementary. We are looking for a variation of all sizes 5-14 would be great. We will need more of the smaller sizes 5-10, but a few of the larger sizes would be helpful for when the older students get in the mud/puddles. We want to encourage you to purchase gender neutral colors like black, navy blue, and gray. Please leave your donations at the table in the Narthex starting this Sunday, November 3rd.

\*Our November Food Drive will be Saturday, November 9th from 9-11am or bring items Sunday, November 10th to support Northside Elementary School - requesting paper products and personal hygiene items.

Join us for worship next Sunday at 8:30 or 10:45 am in our church sanctuary or online. We will continue in our worship series "Three Gifts" and look at the gift of Baptism.

**Sunday, November 3, 2024 8:30 am**

*\*Please stand if it is comfortable for you*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & GREETING

SONG OF BEGINNING

*Glorious is Thy Name, O Lord*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: At a moment in our country's history when we seem more divided than ever;

**People: We gather to worship the God who unites us all.**

Leader: We gather in worship as a community of faith, united in our love for God and one another.

**People: We come to the Table seeking grace and renewal.**

Leader: We come with open hearts ready to receive and to share.

**People:** We are here to be nourished, to be strengthened, to be transformed and to be sent forth in love.  
**All:** Let us worship together, lifting our voices in praise and preparing our hearts to share in the communion meal offered from the open table that brings us together in God's grace.

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 146

\*HYMN *Pleasant and Good it Is When We Gather* Words on the Screens

WITNESSING GOD'S LOVE TO OUR CHILDREN

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *I Sing a Prayer for America*

### **Three Gifts: Communion, Baptism, The Church**

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 22:14-20

SERMON *The Power of Holy Communion*

\*HYMN *Let Us Break Bread Together vs. 1 & 4* No. 618 Red Hymnal

A TIME FOR PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING No. 94 Doxology

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We will receive Communion at the front of the sanctuary. Once the meal has been blessed, you will be invited to come forward. You may put your hand out and a piece of bread will be given to you. You may then take a small cup from the tray. You may eat and drink as you receive the elements. Gluten-free bread is available at the center station. Bowls are at the sides of the sanctuary to collect the empty cups.

As you return to your seat, if you would like anointing with oil, you may stop to either side of the sanctuary where a pastor will be standing. Oil will be placed on your forehead in the sign of the cross and a prayer shared with you. Anointing is a way of opening yourself to God for a particular place in your own life or on behalf of someone else.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

\*CLOSING BLESSING

\*SUNG RESPONSE *In Times of Great Decision, vs. 1 & 4* Words on the screens

POSTLUDE

Participating in Worship:

Rev. Jenny Arneson, Lead Pastor

Rev. Claire Douglass, Worship Assistant, Children's Time

Hillary Lobenstein, Reader

Sweet Assurance, Music; Linda Barrett, Director

Sue Lundeen, Organist

**Psalm 146**

Praise the LORD! Let my whole being praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with all my life; I will sing praises to my God as long as I live. Don't trust leaders; don't trust any human beings—there's no saving help with them! Their breath leaves them, then they go back to the ground. On that very same day, their plans die too. The person whose help is the God of Jacob—the person whose hope rests on the LORD their God—is truly happy! God: the maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, God: who is faithful forever, who gives justice to people who are oppressed, who gives bread to people who are starving! The LORD: who frees prisoners. The LORD: who makes the blind see. The LORD: who straightens up those who are bent low, The LORD: who loves the righteous. The LORD: who protects immigrants, who helps orphans and widows, but who makes the way of the wicked twist and turn! The LORD will rule forever! Zion, your God will rule from one generation to the next! Praise the LORD!

**Luke 22:14-20**

When the time came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles joined him. He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. I tell you, I won't eat it until it is fulfilled in God's kingdom." After taking a cup and giving thanks, he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. I tell you that from now on I won't drink from the fruit of the vine until God's kingdom has come." After taking the bread and giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup after the meal and said, "This cup is the new covenant by my blood, which is poured out for you.