

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 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.

*During November the Outreach team will be collecting leggings and sweatpants for 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. We encourage you to purchase gender neutral colors like black, navy blue, and gray. Please leave your donations at the table in the Narthex.

***Sunshine Place Needs Your Help!**

Help us stock our baskets for the holidays with special items not normally stocked at the pantry. Our shoppers are diverse, and we need your help to ensure their holiday meal is special. Please leave donations on the shelves in the Fellowship Hall marked food pantry. **Ancho or guajillo chiles, Corn husks (for tamales), Sambal oelek, Bouillon cubes, Egg roll wrappers.**

Annual Church Conference

Our Annual Church Conference is scheduled for Thursday, November 21 at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will elect our church leadership for 2025, celebrate the ministry we have shared this year and look forward to how we will share ministry next year. All members of the church have a vote at Church Conference and it is also a wonderful way to learn more about the church if you are newer to SPUMC or have never attended a Church Conference.

Join us for worship next Sunday at 8:30 or 10:45 am either in our church sanctuary or online. We will conclude in our worship series "Three Gifts" and will take a deeper look at the gift of The Church.

Sunday, November 10, 2024 8:30 am

**Please stand if it is comfortable for you*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & GREETING

SONG OF BEGINNING

Panis Angelina's

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come seeking the healing waters of God's grace.

People: We come seeking the empowering waters of God's Spirit.

Leader: We come as a people named and claimed in the waters of baptism.

People: We come as a community nourished by streams of living water.

Leader: Wash over us, Holy God, with these life-giving waters.

All: Raise us up, Loving God, with words of love born through water and the Spirit.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 42:1-8

*HYMN *Fairest Lord Jesus, vs. 1-4* No. 189 Red Hymnal

WITNESSING GOD'S LOVE TO OUR CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Gracious God, your voice speaks through the chaos and confusion of our lives and calls us each by name. We confess that we treat our baptism as an event in our past, rather than as a call to a new way of being your people in this world. We want to love you with our heart and soul, but we are reluctant to visit the pain of others. We want to follow you and witness to your love, but we are reluctant to sacrifice our comfortable lifestyles. Have mercy upon us, O God. Wash us in your Spirit; turn us toward you and welcome us once again as your beloved sons and daughters as we offer our silent confessions
(silent confession).

SUNG RESPONSE *Through It All* No. 507 Red Hymnal

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Alleluia

Three Gifts: Communion, Baptism, The Church

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON

Water Washed & Spirit Born

*HYMN *Wash, O God, Our Sons* No. 605
 and Daughters Red Hymnal

A TIME FOR PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

No. 94 Doxology

*CLOSING BLESSING

*SUNG RESPONSE *They'll Know We Are* No. 2223
 Christians by Our Love, Black Hymnal
 vs. 1 & 3

POSTLUDE

Participating in Worship:

Rev. Jenny Arneson, Lead Pastor

Deb Mulhern, Dir. of Connecting Ministries, Worship Assistant

Donna Cole, Reader

Stephanie Bass Faust, Children's Time

Linda Barrett & Donna Kiefer, Music

Sue Lundeen, Organist

Psalm 42: 1-8

Just like a deer that craves streams of water, my whole being craves you, God. My whole being thirsts for God, for the living God. When will I come and see God's face? My tears have been my food both day and night, as people constantly questioned me, "Where's your God now?" But I remember these things as I bare my soul: how I made my way to the mighty one's abode, to God's own house, with joyous shouts and thanksgiving songs—a huge crowd celebrating the festival! Why, I ask myself, are you so depressed? Why are you so upset inside? Hope in God! Because I will again give God thanks, my saving presence and my God. My whole being is depressed. That's why I remember you from the land of Jordan and Hermon, from Mount Mizar. Deep called to deep at the noise of your waterfalls; all your massive waves surged over me. By day the Lord commands faithful love; by night God's song is with me— a prayer to the God of my life.

Matthew 3: 13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."