

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.

*We will be having a Newcomer Meeting for those interested in learning more about our church on Tuesday, January 21 at 6:30 pm. The meeting will last approximately 1 hour. This will be a time for you to get to know other people who are interested in learning about our church, as well as learn how you can grow in faith at SPUMC. Please RSVP to the church office by January 17th so we can have a packet ready for you. Childcare will be provided if requested by January 17th.

*For January, the Outreach Committee will collect mittens and waterproof gloves for boys and girls in community schools, ages 5 to 13. They need both types (regular and waterproof). We have a special mitten tree in the Narthex. Our church is always so generous especially with children's needs and it is much appreciated!

*Our church office will be closed on Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

*Join us for worship next Sunday at 9am either in our church sanctuary or online. Next Sunday we will celebrate Camp Sunday in worship and during fellowship time. We will conclude our sermon series "Finding Joy in Real Life" as we look at the Community of All Creation.

Sunday, January 19, 2025 9:00 am

**Please stand if it is comfortable for you*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & GREETING

SONG OF BEGINNING

Ring Forth

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather to remind ourselves that Love calls us to God's work in this world and in life around us.

People: May God give us courage, wisdom and especially joy.

Leader: We gather to remind ourselves that Love calls us to see a wider vision that embraces everyone--a vision of health and well-being; of goodness and kindness; of peace and justice.

People: May God give us courage, wisdom and especially joy.

Leader: We gather to remind ourselves that together we are stronger as justice seekers, peacemakers, spirit comforters, and truth defenders.

People: May God give us courage, wisdom and especially joy.

All: We gather to remind ourselves and one another that all is well and all will be well, for God is with us and will never leave us or let us go.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 36: 5-10

*HYMN *There Are Many Ways of Sharing* Words on
(Tune, #400 Red Hymnal: Come, Thou the Screen
Fount of Every Blessing)

WITNESSING GOD'S LOVE TO OUR CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Almighty God, Searcher of hearts, you know us from the beginning. You see in us more good and beauty than we have dared to believe. You beckon us to do more than we have dared to try. You call us to be light for others when we prefer to keep our light hidden. We have filled our ears with the sounds of the world. We have sought meaning for our lives in places and causes that have left us wanting. We have timidly spoken of your great love. As we stumble to see others as sisters and brothers, open our hearts and minds to see and remember that we are a community bound by love for you and for each other. God, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. God, have mercy and forgive us as we make our silent confessions (silent confession).

SUNG RESPONSE *Spirit of the Living God* No. 393
Red Hymnal

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *Beautiful Saviour*

Worship Series: Finding Joy in Real Life

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12: 2-18

SERMON *Finding Joy in Your Hope*

*HYMN *Many Gifts, One Spirit, vs. 1-2* No. 114
Red Hymnal

A TIME FOR PRAYER

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND OUR BLESSINGS

Invitation

Offertory

*Doxology #94 Red Hymnal

*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING BLESSING

*SUNG RESPONSE

*May You Run and
Not Be Weary*

No. 2281
Black Hymnal

POSTLUDE

Participating in Worship:
Rev. Jenny Arneson, Lead Pastor
Deb Mulhern, Dir. of Connecting Ministries, Worship Assistant
Hillary Lobenstein, Reader
Christy Tubbs, Dir. of Children's Ministries, Children's Time
Heavenly Handbells, Music; Barb Kohler, Director
Vocalists: Amy Quaerna, Erin Estervig, Harriet McGaffin,
Cathy Grenzow, & Sue Lundeen.