**SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022**

**12th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**­Gathering**  *“Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love” -* Eric Brisson

**\*Opening Prayer** - Nancy Dunbar

Leader: We all like to be noticed, O God,

**People: from our earliest cries of “look at me!”, to the cautious search for acknowledgement from someone special; from the longing for a witness to our life to the hope for a hand to hold tightly to ours.**

Leader: And yet we are uncomfortable, knowing you also notice how we want to sit in the seats of honor.

**People: We can be so proper, so good, so well-off, that it is easy to imagine we are superior to the poor. We are so busy completing our 'To Do' list each day that we forget to do good when we have the chance.**

Leader: What are we really, that you should pay us any mind?

**People: We are undeserving of your notice, but we still yearn for you.**

Leader: Perhaps the greatest miracle of all, is that you do notice and you pay attention; you really see us, take note of us, watch us, acknowledge us and love us

**People: O God, teach us humility; teach us how to love each other; teach us to honor the poor, the damaged, the prisoner, the lost, the oppressed.**

Leader: Replace our pride with your grace,

**People: so that what we offer to you will be lives shaped by open hearts and serving hands as we share joyously of your bounty without expectation of being repaid.**

Leader: We praise you, O God, in our worship and in our living, for the unfathomable, mysterious and infinitely gracious gift of being noticed and loved.

**People: We offer our praise to you through Jesus, our Christ. Amen.**

**\*Opening Song** *“Gather Us In”* **TFWS #2236**

**Black Book**

**Children’s Moment**

**Special Music** - Edie Davis & Mary Stoltman

*“The Prayer”*

**Scripture:** Luke:14:1; 7-14 - Barbara Rahn

**Centering Video** *“At the Table”* - a film by TWOP

**Message** *“Table Instructions” -* Dr. Robert Hicks

**\*Song** *“Jesu, Jesu”* **#432**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Preparation for Prayer** *“Make Me a Servant”* **TFWS #2176**

**Black Book**

**Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Closing Song***“A Place at the Table”* **W&S #3149**

**Green Book**

**Benediction**

**Postlude** *“Come Christians, Join to Sing”* - Jonelle Moore

*You are invited to place your offering in the plate on the Welcome Table or the two plates in the front of the church before or following the service.*

 **August is here!** Let’s support the Winona Food Shelf in August by contributing non-perishable items starting with a “A.” Think: apple juice, albacore tuna, almonds, alphabet soup. “A” is also for “all” – all donations are appreciated!

**THIS WEEK**

**Aug. 29 – Sept. 4**

Office Hours (in person):

Mon - Thurs 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

*Note that masks are required in the main office & copy room.*

**SUNDAY (today)**

Worship 10:30-11:30 am

Livestreamed worship, 10:30

Fellowship Time, 11:30 am

Topic Discussion Time, LOFT 11:30 am

**THURSDAY**

Prayer Circle, 4:00 pm

**NEXT SUNDAY, Sept. 4**

Worship 10:30-11:30 am

Livestreamed worship, 10:30

Fellowship Time, 11:30 am

Topic Discussion Time, LOFT 11:30 am

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**Welcome Table** Check out the Welcome Table each week for print-outs of the most recent E-Zine newsletter, Joys & Concerns, and more. Also stop by the **Generosity Table** at the back of the sanctuary to learn about opportunities to serve in our community.

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**INFORMATION**

•There is a children’s corner, activity bags and bulletins available for our young worshippers.

• In keeping with our Wesleyan promise to do no harm, we respect those worshippers who choose to continue to wear masks. If you would prefer to wear a mask and have forgotten yours, there are masks available on the Welcome Table.

**OUR VISION STATEMENT**

Wesley UMC is a Vibrant and Growing Faith Community, continually challenging ourselves to find more ways to Love God and Love People.