**SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022**

**9th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**­Gathering** *“How Beautiful”* - Jonelle Moore

**\*Opening Prayer** - Joliene Olson

Leader: Grace-giving God, we are people who have been called to follow where you lead.

**People: Because we trust in you, we can obey, even when asked to walk into an unknown future.**

Leader: We are people who have been challenged to tell your story to others.

**People: Because we trust in you, we have the ability to share the good news.**

Leader: We are people who seek that place to which you call us: a homeland;

**People: but we aren’t always ready to leave behind what has become familiar and comfortable. We aren’t always ready to obey. We aren’t always ready to trust in your promise. We aren’t always ready to trust what our faith tells us is true.**

Leader: Forgive us, God of Mercy,

**People: Remind us again that we are not "insiders" but immigrants searching for our true home.**  **Help us keep our eyes on you, hanging tight to your promises. You love us enough to want to bring us home, so grant us the faith and the courage take the hand of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who leads us there.** **We do trust. We believe. Help our unbelief.**

*Silence is kept*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: There is nothing to fear.  God's hope is more tenacious than our despair; God's joy is more resilient than our grief; God's love is more compelling than our hate.

**People: By grace, we are gathered to God. By faith, we rest in God's promises of forgiveness and restoration.  By love, we are led home. Thanks be to God!  Amen.**

**\*Opening Song** *“Lift Every Voice and Sing”* **#519**

**Children’s Moment**

**Scripture:** Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16 - Nancy Dunbar

**Centering Video** *“At Last”* - a film by TWOP

**Message** *“Seeking a Homeland” -* Dr. Robert Hicks

**\*Song** *“Forever”* **W&S #3023**

**Green Book**

**Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

*[The Lord’s Table is open to all, regardless of age or church affiliation (if any). If you wish to participate, come forward by the center aisle, receive the bread, dip it in the cup and return by the side aisles. If you would like to partake, but are not able to come forward, please signal an usher and Communion will be brought to you.* ***We are using tortillas for our bread today, made for us by Claudia Miranda.****]*

**Blessing of Miranda Family**

**Preparation for Prayer** *“Through It All”* **#507**

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

**\*Closing Song***“Song of Hope”* **TFWS #2186**

**Black Book**

**Benediction**

**Postlude** *“Trust and Obey”* – Eric Brisson

*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 or when you come forward for Communion.*

**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! Bring your items to the food barrel in the back of the sanctuary.

*You are invited to place your offering in the plate on the Welcome Table before or following the service.*

**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, where you can learn about, and sign up for, opportunities to serve in our community.

*Sign up to read scripture or prayer, or to be a greeter! Visit* ***bit.ly/WesleyWorshipLeaders*** *or contact the office.*

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**THIS WEEK**

**August 8-14**

Office Hours (in person):

Mon - Thurs 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

**SUNDAY (today)**

Worship 10:30-11:30 am

Livestreamed worship, 10:30

**Miranda Family Reception, 11:30 am**

**TUESDAY**

Primary Election Voting, 7 am – 8 pm

**THURSDAY**

Prayer Circle, 4:00 pm

**NEXT SUNDAY, Aug. 7**

Worship 10:30-11:30 am

Livestreamed worship, 10:30

Fellowship Time, 11:30 am

Topic Discussion Time, LOFT 11:30 am



**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 that 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.