### **SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022**

### 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

**Gathering** "Shall We Gather at the River" - Eric Brisson

\*Opening Prayer

- Nancy Dunbar

Leader: Amazing God, you hold nothing back from us, not even your Love embodied in your Son, but we find ourselves doubting your joy in us, fearing you have turned away from us; we convince ourselves that we are in control of our daily life and that our efforts will provide all that we need.

People: We are determined to cling to what we have accumulated, saving it for ourselves. We spend so much worrying that we might not have enough for the future that we don't recognize the countless ways you feed us each day.

Leader: You long for us to turn to you, your arms outstretched to hold us. You invite us to set aside our old ways, and walk with you,

People: but unknown paths fill us with fear.

Leader: God of Grace: when all others have turned away from us, you throw open the gates of the kingdom, inviting us in to share all that you have prepared just for us.

People: So today we come to worship you, God of generosity and hope, not for our personal satisfaction, but for the joy of recognizing the One who calls us to new life, and for the grace to share this abundant joy with everyone we meet. This we pray in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

[Silence is kept]

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Do not be afraid. More than anything else, God would rather turn bonds of sin into cords of

compassion; sinners into servants.

People: God loves us. God forgives us. God lifts us to new life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

\*Opening Song "Shout to the North" W&S #3042

Green Book

Children's Moment

Scripture: Luke 12:13-21 - Barbara Rahn

**Centering Video** "Your New Nature"

An original film on Colossians 3:1-11 by Isaac Hicks

Message "A Determined Life" - Dr. Robert Hicks

\*Song "Amazing Abundance" W&S #3120
Green Book

**Joys and Concerns** 

Preparation for Prayer Black Book TFWS #2152

"Change My Heart, O God"

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

\*Closing Song "When the Poor Ones" #434

**Benediction** 

**Postlude** "Jesus Loves the Little Children" - 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.

# THIS WEEK August 1-7

Office Hours (in person): Mon - Thurs 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Masks are required in the office & copy room.

#### SUNDAY (today)

Worship 10:30-11:30 am Livestreamed worship, 10:30 Fellowship Time, 11:30 am Topic Discussion, LOFT 11:30 VBS Meal, 5:15 pm VBS, 6 pm

#### **MONDAY - THURSDAY**

VBS Meal, 5:15 pm VBS, 6 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.

# August is almost here!

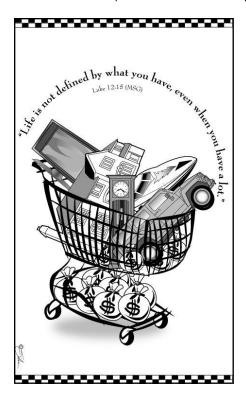
Let's to support the Winona Food Shelf in August by contributing non-perishable items starting with a "A." Think: apple juice, albacore

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.

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.



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



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