

# Welcome to Our Combined Service!

Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026

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**“You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God . . . with Christ Jesus as the Cornerstone; in Christ the whole structure is joined together and grows as a holy temple to our God, in whom you also are built together, spiritually, as a dwelling place for God’s Spirit.” -Ephesians 2:19-22**

**The Revs. Douglas K. Clement & Caleb R. McGregor, pastors**

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Joel Tomlinson, *Scripture*  
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*[Please silence your mobile devices. Thank you!]*

L – Liturgist / M – Minister / **P – People** / † - words are on the TVs / \* – stand in body or spirit  
UMH – *The United Methodist Hymnal*      TFWS – *The Faith We Sing*

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*(1) The Body of Christ gathers to worship God!*

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### †\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We have wandered aimlessly in dry places;  
we have felt rejected; we have longed to be seen:  
**P: but God finds us in those wilderness places!**

L: We have carried wounds no others can see;  
we have reached out in hope;  
we have trusted Jesus to not turn away:  
**P: but Christ reaches back and heals us!**

L: Today, we remember that God's welcome  
is wider than our boundaries,  
deeper than our histories,  
and already weaving us together thru the Spirit.  
**P: We come now to God: who hears our cries  
and opens wells in the barren ground.**

L: We come now to the Spirit: whose touch restores  
and whose mercy makes us whole.

**ALL: Let us worship the Christ  
who meets the reject with refuge,  
the wounded with healing,  
and all of us with an Unending Love!  
AMEN! Let it be so!**

**Shall we gather by the River,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the Throne of God?**

*Chorus:*

***Yes! We'll gather by the River:  
the beautiful, the beautiful River!  
Gather with the saints by the River  
that flows by the Throne of God!***

**On the margin of this River,  
washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy, golden Day! (*chorus*)**

**As we reach the shining River,  
lay we ev'ry burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown! (*chorus*)**

**Soon we'll reach the shining River,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace! (*chorus*)**

♪ *And Are We Yet Alive* ♪

Words: Charles Wesley, 1749; adapted by Pastor Caleb  
Music: Johann G. Nageli; arranged by Lowell Mason, 1845

**How are we still alive,  
to gather in this place?  
We lift our thanks to Christ our Lord  
for love that binds with grace!**

**Sustained by power divine,  
kept safe in mercy's care,  
we come with grateful hearts again  
to praise the One who's here!**

**What trials have shaped our days?  
What storms have we walked through?  
The fears within, the fights without,  
since we last met as two?**

**Yet through it all, the Lord  
has led us by a love;  
and still provides a steady help  
and saves our life above!**

**So let our witness be  
of grace that makes us whole:  
the saving love that reaches us  
and heals our very soul!**

SHARING OF JOYS & GOD-SIGHTINGS  
OPENING PRAYER (*PRAISE & INSPIRATION*)

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(2) *We listen to what God is saying to us!*

SCRIPTURE: **Genesis 21:8-21** **Matthew 8:1-4**

ends with . . .

*L: God's light now shines upon us through this reading.*

**ALL: May we walk in its glow: AMEN!**

♪ **Lord – You have come to the lakeshore /  
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
You only asked me to follow humbly:  
O Lord,  
with Your eyes You have searched me,  
and while smiling have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;  
by Your side I will seek other seas. ♪**

*“I am glad you are here today!”*

MESSAGE

**Creating Promise Out of Pain**

Sharing God's preference for those on the margins

The Rev. Douglas K. Clement

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(3) *We respond to what God is saying to us!*

†\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: ♪ *Give to the Winds Our Fears* ♪

Martin Luther's German translations of Psalm 37:5, translated into English by John Wesley

**Give to the winds our fears,  
confusion, and our dread,  
God hears our cries and counts our tears,  
God shall lift up our head.**

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**Through waves and clouds and storms,  
God gently clears our way;  
wait for God's time;  
so shall this night / soon end in joyous day.**

**Let's not be shaken up /  
by grievous social wrong;  
responsive, active, unafraid,  
let us be brave and strong!**

**Let's give our loving care /  
through all our lifelong days;  
and when we're gone, bring us to where /  
bright angels sing God's praise!**

SHARING OF CONCERNS, *with Prayers of the People*

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*(4) We prepare to leave and be doers of God's Word!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATION TO GIVE  
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE PRAYER OF JESUS *(adapted, ecumenical version)*

**Our Abba, in heaven, holy is Your Name!**

**Your kin'dom come!**

**Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven!**

**Give us each day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our sins,**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Let us not fall into temptation**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For Yours is the kin'dom, and the power,  
and the glory forever: AMEN!**

†\*HYMN OF MISSION:

♪ *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* ♪

Words: Civillia Martin / Music: Charles H. Gabriel

**Vs. 1: Why should we feel discouraged?  
Why should the shadows come?  
Why should our hearts be lonely?  
And long for heaven and home?  
When Jesus is our portion!**

**Our Constant Friend is He:**

*His eye is on the sparrow –  
and I know He watches me! (2x)*

**Vs. 2: “Let not your heart be troubled,”  
His tender word we hear,  
and resting on His goodness,  
we lose our doubts and fears;  
though by the path He leadeth  
but one step we may see:**

*His eye is on the sparrow –  
and I know He watches me! (2x)*

**Vs. 3: Whenever we are tempted,  
whenever clouds arise,  
when song gives place to sighing,  
when hope within us dies,  
we draw the closer to Him,  
from care He sets us free:**

*His eye is on the sparrow –  
and I know He watches me! (2x)*

**We sing because we’re happy!  
We sing because we’re free!  
For His eye is on the sparrow –  
and I know he watches me!**

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, he called it ... "Dad."

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### **TODAY'S OFFERING:**

Find the table with envelopes and the wooden offering box.  
Your offering will be counted and remitted  
to your congregation after today's service.  
Unmarked offerings will go to the host church.

### **Marshfield Wesley UMC News:**

Next Pub Theology: Wed., July 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6 pm – Scotty's Pizza

### **Port Edwards UMC News:**

Next Sunday: Sp. Offering for Parsonage Stonework Fund