

Owatonna United Methodist Church
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Weekly Prayer List

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Happy Birthday

RaeAnn Earl
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If you have any pastoral care needs (in the hospital, illness, home care, etc.)
or know of someone who does, please inform the church office ~ 507-451-4734.
(The hospital does not call the church).

To watch from home, "Like" our Facebook page, and watch the service live
at 8:30 a.m. on **Facebook Live**.

Also available 24-7 on www.owatonnalive.com
and click on the picture of United Methodist Church.

Welcome to all visitors. When you are signing your name and address on the registration
pad, **please** include your phone number ~ especially if you are new to our community.

October 19th, 2025
~Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost~



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We are called to . . .

*Gather in Christ's Name,
Grow in God's Love,
Serve All People.*

The Order of Worship

October 19th, 2025-8:30 a.m.

- Prelude *Wonderful Words of Life* arr. Van D. Thompson
- † Welcome & Announcements
- Centering Words
- * Centering Hymn *We Are the Church, vs. 1* Red #558
- * Call to Worship:
- Leader: We have gathered once again, Lord of all and Lord of us.
People: We come to lift our prayers, and to sing your praises once again.
L: We come to ask and hope and long to see your justice in the land.
P: We worship in that hope and will work in that Spirit.
- * Opening Prayer:
- We come to this place, God, because somewhere in our lives, faintly or distinctly , we have heard you call to us. We come---some sleepily, some alert, some tired, some energized---to share in your presence. We come to say thanks that we are your people. We come to worship, to know better what your call upon us means. Be for us a home base, a center of gravity, a source of loving support through Christ Jesus in whose name we pray. Amen**
- * Passing the Peace
- * Hymn of Praise *Praise the Source of Faith and Learning* Black #2004
- Prayer of Confession:
- Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Tune our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and words of grace. Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.
- ~All pray in silence~

- Words of Assurance
- Chancel Choir Anthem *A Covenant Prayer* Allen Pote
- Children's Message
- Epistle Reading 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
- * Hymn of Response *He Who Began a Good Work in You* Black #2163
- Gospel Lesson Luke 18:1-8
L: The Word of God, for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God.
- Message "Persistence" Pastor Linda Boorman
- * Hymn of Response Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying Black #2193
- Joys and Concerns
- Pastoral Prayers
- The Lord's Prayer Screen
- Offering
- * Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Red #95
- * Offering Prayer
- * Closing Hymn *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Red #526
- * Benediction
- Postlude *A Festive Trumpet Tune* Gilbert M. Martin
- * Please stand as you are able.
† Welcome to all visitors. Everyone please sign and pass the attendance register, and please join us for a social time after the service.
Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.