

Owatonna United Methodist Church  
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Scripture Readers: Holly Berg

### Weekly Prayer List

Carole Schroeder;  
Aaron & Bethany Schroht:  
Adeline, Weston & August Schroht,  
Sawyer & Devin Sanford,  
Makenzie & Olivia Jacobson;  
Randal & Audrey Schroht;  
David Schroht;  
Thomas Schroht

### Happy Birthday this week

Mavis Higgins;  
Kathy Jackel;  
Kyle Huisenga;  
Patricia Holm;  
Pat Bentley;  
Brant Dirks;  
Pam Mount



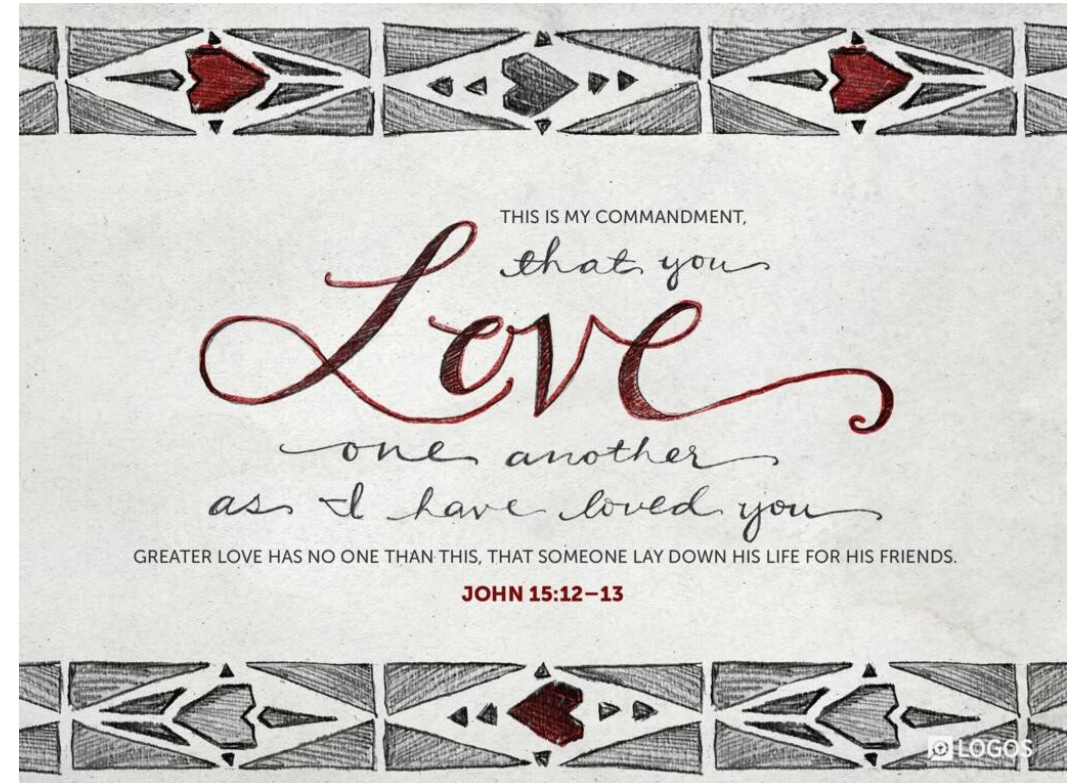
If you have any pastoral care needs (in the hospital, illness, home care, etc.) or know of someone who does, please inform the church office ~ 451-4734. (The hospital does not call the church).

To watch from home, “Like” our Facebook page, and watch the service live at 9:00 a.m. on **Facebook Live**.

Also available 24-7 on [www.owatonnalive.com](http://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.

## May 5th, 2024 Communion Sunday



### *Owatonna United Methodist Church*

We are called to . . .  
Gather in Christ's Name,  
Grow in God's Love,  
Serve All People.

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# The Order of Worship

*sixth Sunday of Easter, May 5th, 2024-9:00a.m.*

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Prelude *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* arr. Robert Hebble

† Welcome and Announcements

Centering Words

\* Centering Hymn *Jesus, Draw Me Close* Black #2159

Call to Worship:

L: Sing to our God a new song,

**P: for God has done wondrous things.**

L: The Holy One's might is not found in destruction,

**P: but in steadfast love and constant faithfulness.**

L: These gifts are not for us alone,

**P: they are for one and all.**

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**P: Break forth into songs of praise.**

L: Let all creation praise the Lord.

Opening Prayer:

**God of Love, let your Holy Spirit come upon us—into our hearts, into our minds, and into our souls. Let your presence speak within us—in the languages we speak, in the ways we live and have our being -- for we long to hear you, Gracious One, and to understand. We pray that you would abide in us, that we may abide in you, this day and all days. Amen.**

Passing the Peace

\* Hymn of Praise *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Red #400

Prayer of Confession:

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for Joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

~Silent Prayer~

Words of Assurance

Children's Sermon

Chancel Choir Anthem *Down to the River to Pray* arr. Sheldon Curry

Scripture Reading 1 John 5:1-6

\* Hymn of Response *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Red #526

Gospel Lesson John 15:9-17

L: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us:

**P: Thanks be to God, Amen!**

Sermon "How Do We Love: We Love One Another" Pastor Lisa

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer Screen

Offering

\* Doxology *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* Red #95

\* Communion Hymn *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee, vs 1-4* Red #623

Service of Communion Red #9

Prayer After Communion

\* Closing Hymn *I Come with Joy* Red #617

Benediction

Postlude *A Joyous Acclamation* Lani Smith

\* 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.