

Owatonna United Methodist Church
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Weekly Prayer List

Glenn Moen: Andrew & Madison;
Kayle Moen;
Mary Monson;
Pam Mount;
Steve & Amy Mussman;
Bill Nespor

Happy Birthday this week

Jill Hoggard 9/27
Cheryl Arnold;
Carrie McShane;
Logan Harvey;
Daniel Wieman;
Jan McShane;
David Krause



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
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.

September 29, 2024
Uncommon Wisdom: For Such a Time



Owatonna United Methodist Church

We are called to . . .

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

The Order of Worship

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 29th, 2024-9:00a.m.

- Prelude *Lead, Kindly Light* arr. Dale Wood
- † Welcome and Announcements
Centering Words
- * Centering Hymn *You Are My Hiding Place* Black #2055
- Call to Worship:
Leader: Beloved, God's wisdom guides us to reflect, yes, but also to act. Will you be a people who act with wisdom?
All: We will respond to wisdom's call with our actions.
Leader: God's wisdom may call you to speak when it's safer to be silent, to resist when it's easier to back down. Will you be a people who act with wisdom?
All: We will respond to wisdom's guidance wherever it takes us.
Leader: God's wisdom may call us to accountability, to recognize and reconcile when we have missed the mark, and to hold others accountable when they do harm. Will you be a people who act with wisdom?
All: We will respond to wisdom's counsel with humility and grace.
Leader: Beloved, this is the time, here and now and in every moment after, to live out God's uncommon wisdom in the world.
All: We will follow the path of God's love with wisdom as our guide. Amen.
- Opening Prayer:
Faithful God, inspire us to be faithful to one another. Open our hearts to meet the needs in our midst and in the wider world. Open our minds to notice the beauty and gift of your creation. Open our mouths to sing your blessings, joyfully and gratefully. Open our lives to welcome the stranger, seek the lost, and create peace in a troubled world. Amen.
- Passing the Peace
- * Hymn of Praise *We Gather Together* Red #131

* 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.

Prayer of Confession:

O God, you are our help and our hope. In times of trial, keep us from falling into temptation. In times of need, help us reach out for aid and lean on prayer. Show us that others need our help, our hope, and our prayers. Strengthen our resolve to offer those gifts where they are most needed. When we become lost, welcome us home with mercy and grace, that we may do the same for others. In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

~Silent Confession~

Words of Assurance

Chancel Choir Anthem *He Leadeth Me* arr. John Purifoy

Children's Message

Reading of the Psalm Psalm 124

* Hymn of Response *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* Black #2146

Old Testament Reading Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

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!

Message "For Such a Time" Pastor Lisa Vick

Hymn of Response *Wellspring of Wisdom* Red #506

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer: New Zealand Version Screen

Offering

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

Offering Prayer

* Closing Hymn *Go Forth for God* Red #670

Benediction

Postlude *Sortie* arr. Michael Ryan