## WESTBY UMC May 5, 2024

\* please stand in body or spirit

**PRELUDE** 

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* GATHERING SONGS

Bind Us Together The Gift of Love #2226 TFWS #408 UMH

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

- L. Here today there is love, freely available to all. Not our human loving, fragile and intermittent, but God's supreme love.
- P. May a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, break forth into joyous songs of praise.
- L. Here today is love, higher than our loftiest hopes, deeper than the immensities of time and space, God's inclusive love.
- P. Let the seas roar their praise, and everything in them. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills sing together their happiness.
- L. The joy of the living Christ Jesus be with you all.
- P. And also with you.

#### \* OPENING PRAYER

Holy and mysterious Lover of the world, let this day be a worthy celebration of our Lord's resurrection love. By the Easter good news, encourage us to put away our worries, and to discard our fears, that with minds open to your Spirit we may better love you and more adequately worship your holy name. Through Christ Jesus, our living brother and Lord. Amen!

**JOYS AND CONCERNS** 

**COMMUNITY PRAYER** 

HYMN OF INSPIRATION What a Friend We Have in Jesus #526 UMH

SCRIPTURE READING John 15:9-17

MESSAGE "Creativity, Courage and Hope"

\* COMMUNION HYMN Come, Share the Lord #2269 TFWS

THE LORD'S TABLE

#### OFFERING OUR GIFTS, LIVES AND SERVICE

\*\* Please place your offering in the plate as you leave, or send your offering by mail, or drop it off in the church mailbox by the south doors. \*\*

\* DOXOLOGY #95 UMH Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

\* OFFERING PRAYER

\* CLOSING HYMN O How He Loves You & Me #2108 TFWS

\* SENDING FORTH

Go now, and love one another, because love is from God.

Proclaim God's salvation to every generation.

Remain in Jesus Christ, and like branches of a vine, draw your life from him. AMEN

- \* BENEDICTION
- \* POSTLUDE

Music: Jane Gaskell

Pastor: Erika Martinez-Flores

#### WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPING WITH US TODAY!

#### **Coming Events:**

May 5 10:00 AM – Fellowship & Sunday School

May 5 11:00 AM – Sunday School Parents Mysterious Lunch

May 6 RSVP Due Date for Flower Pot Decorating Workshop (RSVP to Verna)

May 8 6:00 PM – Church Board Meeting May 9 5:00 PM – Flower Pot Workshop

#### **PRAYERS**

Kay, Dan (Verna's husband), Adrian, Katrina (Kelly & Jill's daughter), Joe (Kelly & Jill's son-in-law), Pastor Erika and others participating in ICD, Sunday School children & parents, Norseland residents, our church family, Pastor Erika, unnamed concerns, our church in ministry.

#### Pastor Erika - Westby Office Hours

If you have something you'd like to discuss with Pastor Erika in person, she is available during these times: Sunday mornings before worship (8:30-8:50) and Thursday (10:00-1:00).

#### Mission of the Month - Compassion International Gift

The Compassion International Gift allows people to give animals which may help to sustain a family or contribute towards emergency relief to help with recovery from disasters. There are cards on the table in the narthex that you can use if you want to have your donation go towards a specific gift. You can write a check to Compassion International and write your gift choice on the memo line of your check, or you can write a check to the church and put Compassion International on the memo line to have your donation grouped with other donations from the church.

#### **Hygiene Bags for Bethel Butikk**

Please continue to donate items for the Hygiene Bags for Bethel Butikk. Items needed are toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner, hand soap, hand lotion, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, brushes & combs. They also need packages of feminine hygiene products.

## **Senior Strength Training**

This class is open to everyone, of all ages. This class meets on Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30-1:15 PM.

### **Westby Senior Meal Site**

The Westby Senior Meal Site is held at our church. Meals will be served Monday-Thursday, at 11:30 AM. Please call 608-637-5201 by 8:00 AM to reserve and order a meal for that day.

## **Prayer Request Box**

Please write your prayer request on the note card and put it in the box. Our Thursday Morning Prayer Group will then pray for these requests when they meet on the 1st Thursday of the month.



# WESTBY United Methodist Church May 5, 2024



## 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School & Fellowship after Worship

Westby United Methodist Church 202 East State St., Westby, WI 54667

Our calling is to reach all people with the life-changing power of God's Love and Grace available to all through Jesus Christ, our Lord.