

## LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

Today	<b>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY</b> 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship
Tuesday, May 14th	10:30 am Exercise Group 6:00 pm Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, May 15th	8:00 am Prayer Meeting (Zoom) (Call 606-5009 with prayer concerns or to join) 6:00 pm Choir Practice
Thursday, May 16th	10:00 am Annabel Mc Garry Visitation 11:00 am Annabel Mc Garry Funeral 2:00 pm Hospitality Committee
Sunday, May 19th	9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am <b>Pentecost</b> Worship 10:45 am Community Meal Planning Meeting

**Mother's Day Plants:** We honor all mothers and daughters today. Be sure to pick up a plant as you leave.

**Pentecost next Sunday.** We will celebrate by wearing red and bringing red geraniums to plant outside.

Pastor Erika and Verna Drake will be attending the ICD meeting in St. Louis this week. They leave on Monday and return Wednesday evening. Information from the trip will be presented at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, May 21st at Westby.

**It Ain't Easy Being Green:** This is the first **Community Conversation** in our new *Open Doors Forum Series*. Viroqua Plastic Free will present the program held in our Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, May 29th at 7:00 pm.

**Prayer List:** All Homebound Members, Pat M., Zoe, Jolene G., Ardith O., Sheila D., all those suffering from economic distress, pain and/or illness.

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## Viroqua United Methodist Church

**May 12, 2024**

**10:30 a.m.**



**Viroqua UMC**  
**221 S. Center Ave.**  
**Viroqua, WI**  
**54665**

### Our Prayer

**God, the giver of life, generous giver of gifts and abilities, help us discover our talents and have the courage to use them to serve you and our community with unimagined new purposes and deepening love for Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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# Ascension Sunday Mother's Day

Viroqua UMC Worship Service—Sunday, 10:30 A.M.

Please turn off all cell phones and electronics

\*\*Please stand if you are able

## PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE "HAIL THE DAY THAT SEES HIM RISE" Hal Hopson

RINGING OF THE BELL

### GREETING

Come. God gathers us for worship, like a mother hen gathers her brood under her wings. Our God, loving, nurturing in love, God saves and supports us, teaching us the way we should go. Trusting in God, we continually offer our praise!

### WELCOMING WORDS/LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## CALLED TO WORSHIP

### \*\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L. A new day has begun.

P. Hope wins!

L. A fresh start is granted.

P. Faith wins!

L. Today you have the opportunity to do something new.

P. Hope wins!

L. Christ is entering your life in a new way.

P. Faith wins!

L. Come, let us worship God, who is inviting us into life in a new way, a way that transcends death, a way of hope and faith.

All. Love wins! Let us worship Christ, who overcame death to give us new life!

\*\*HYMN OF PRAISE "ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME" UMH No. 154

### \*\*OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Lord of Lords, illumine our hearts this day, that we may feel your glory and live into the hope to which you have called us. Amen.

## CALLED TO REFLECTION

OLD TESTAMENT READING PSALM 1 PEW BIBLE NO. 648

CHOIR ANTHEM "CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS" Walter L. Pelz

\*\*GOSPEL READING JOHN 17: 6-19 PEW BIBLE NO. 1308

L. This is the word of God for the people of God  
P. Thanks be to God.

### SERMON

\*\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION "WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES" UMH No. 185

## CALLED TO COMMUNITY AND TO SHARE

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

### SILENT PRAYER, COMMUNITY PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING "THE GIFT OF LOVE" Hopson/Carter

\*\*DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

### \*\*OFFERING PRAYER

\*\*CLOSING HYMN "MOTHERING GOD, YOU GAVE ME BIRTH" TFWS No. 2050

### \*\*SENDING FORTH

God, the giver of life, generous giver of gifts and abilities, help us discover our talents and have the courage to use them to serve you and our community with unimagined new purposes and deepening love for Jesus Christ. Amen.

### \*\*APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION

\*\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "O LIVING GOD" SCREEN

### \*\*RINGING OF THE BELL

\*\*POSTLUDE "PRESTO" G. F. Handel

The radio broadcast and bulletins today are given by members and friends of the church.