

# WESTBY UMC

August 18, 2024

*\* please stand in body or spirit*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* GATHERING SONGS

*Here I Am to Worship*  
*Softly & Tenderly Jesus is Calling* #348 UMH

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We have gathered from different places and different backgrounds.

**P: May those who are grieving find comfort.**

L: May those who have turned away from God find forgiveness.

**P: May those who are waiting find hope.**

L: May all find God's steadfast love and grace.

**P: Let us worship the One who gives us life!**

\* **OPENING PRAYER**

**Jesus, bread of life, you give us life and nourish our spirits. As your beloved children, help us walk in your ways, each and every day. May we speak words of kindness to one another and open our hearts to share comfort and encouragement. May we offer and seek forgiveness. Most of all, may we remember that your steadfast love extends to all of your beloved children. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

COMMUNITY PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen**

HYMN OF INSPIRATION

*Here I Am, Lord* #593 UMH

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:7-10 & John 11:17-35

MESSAGE

*"God Comforts Us"*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS, LIVES AND SERVICE

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

\* DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

#95 UMH

\* OFFERING PRAYER

\* CLOSING HYMN

*My Tribute* (PowerPoint – Chorus of #99 UMH)

\* SENDING FORTH

**We have heard words of hope and new life. May these words help us live in the ways of God: ways of comfort and peace, ways of steadfast love and mercy. Praise be to God!**

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

## WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!

### Coming Events:

Aug. 18      10:00 AM – Fellowship  
                  4:00-6:00 PM – VBS Super Heros @ Viroqua UMC  
*There will not be any Thursday Morning Bible Study Group this month.*

**Please remember to wear your name tags on Sunday mornings.**

**In case you need a reminder, here are the names of Pastor Paul's family:  
Sunwoo (Pastor Paul's wife), Sooho (their son) and Sua (their daughter)**

### PRAYERS

*Ann, those who are traveling, VBS, Aaron (Julie's son), Norseland residents, our church family, Pastor Paul, unnamed concerns, our church in ministry.*

### Mission of the Month – Door of Hope

The Door of Hope (DOH) is a Pregnancy and Family-care Center located at 304 N Washington St, Viroqua, WI 54665. The organization provides a variety of services focusing on helping women, couples and families to better care for their children. You can give to Door of Hope directly, online at <https://www.viroquahope.com/>, or through the church by writing Door of Hope on the memo line on your check or by putting money in an envelope with Door of Hope written on the outside.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month.



## WESTBY United Methodist Church August 18, 2024



**9:00 AM Worship**  
**10:00 AM 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.*