# WESTBY UMC October 6, 2024

\* please stand in body or spirit

**PRELUDE** 

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* GATHERING SONGS

How Great is Our God

El Shaddai #123 UMH

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Your steadfast love is before our eyes.

P: Help us move in faithfulness.

L: When tests and trials come, we place our trust in you.

P: Help us move with integrity.

L: Place us on level ground.

P: Move us to sing songs of thanksgiving and to proclaim your wondrous deeds.

#### \* OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, through whom all things exist, we are mindful this day of siblings in faith around the world. We rejoice in our oneness with them. We are mindful, too, of those near at hand and those far away, those who suffer from ills and calamities, from wars and disasters. Be present with them and us, we pray, even as you fix our hearts on you and how we might, in faith, respond to the needs of neighbors around the world. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

COMMUNITY PRAYER

HYMN OF INSPIRATION In Remembrance of Me #2254 TFWS

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 12:1-16, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 & Matthew 26:26-30

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS** 

MESSAGE "The Means of Grace: The Holy Communion"

COMMUNION HYMN Eat This Bread #628 UMH

THE LORD'S TABLE

#### 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 Let Us Be Bread #2260 TFWS

\* SENDING FORTH

God's grace overflows through our lives. Now, we go forth to deliver the grace of God and the love of God. Amen.

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Music: Jane Gaskell Pastor: Paul Lee

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

#### **Coming Events:**

Oct. 6 10:00 AM – Fellowship & Sunday School

Oct. 9 6:00 PM – Church Board Meeting – Everyone is welcome to attend.

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, Ardith, Sharon, Ilene's family (Donna's daughter), those who are traveling, Sunday School families, Norseland residents, our church family, Pastor Paul, unnamed concerns, our church in ministry.

#### Mission of the Month - Operation Christmas Child

We are collecting donations for Operation Christmas Child (OCC) in October because we'll be packing the boxes in November. You can support this mission through monetary donations, as it costs \$10 to ship each box, or you could donate items. Possible items to donate are: small toys, school supplies (that will fit in a shoe box), hair clips, toy jewelry, personal care items, clothing accessories, small games or activities. We would like to pack 12-15 boxes this year. If you write a check, make it out to the church and include OCC in the memo line. Thank you for your support!

#### 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 October 6, 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.