

**LIBERTY POLE UMC**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 22, 2019**

*\* please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE *A time to reflect and prepare for worship*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please sign the attendance sheets found on each pew*

\*GREETING OF THE COLLECTIVE

L: God is good.

**P: All the time.**

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\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God of creation, we sing your praises in the vineyard.

**P: Tend the garden of our love.**

L: Where we have become ragged and wild, prune us in the way we should grow.

**P: Nurture the soil of our hope.**

L: Let your hand be upon us, leading us to Jesus, the perfecter of our faith.

**P: Heal the roots of our faith.**

L: Bring us rain in drought, shade in scorching heat, and protection in the wilderness.

**P: Lord, protect and guide the growth of our spirit. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN #152 UMH *I Sing The Almighty Power of God*

OPENING PRAYER *(unison)*

**Lord of all creation, we pause before You today,  
laying our hectic lives on Your altar.**

**Summer's warmth and rest are almost gone,  
and our minds are filled with busy thoughts of life. Calm us Lord.**

**As we bow our heads before you, help us put aside today's worries  
and tomorrow's fears, that we may full present in worshipping You. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and JOYS AND CONCERNS

As we share our joys, concerns, petitions, and praises:

L: We pray to the Lord, **P: Lord, hear our prayer**

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL 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**

CHILDREN'S TIME

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION #145 UMH *Morning Has Broken*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

L: The Word of God for the people of God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

*Change the River*

Pastor Pam

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS, LIVES, AND SERVICE

OFFERTORY

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

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER *(unison)*

**God of manifold blessings, You provide for our every need,  
and call us to be good stewards of Your many gifts.**

**May we be faithful in caring for all your creation, from the greatest to the least.**

**We offer you these gifts in loving gratitude, that they may shine forth in the world  
and bring your children everywhere your healing love and light.**

**In Jesus' name, Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN #144 UMH *This is My Father's World*

\*BLESSING *(unison)*

L: We are each uniquely gifted to serve God and creation.

**P: Help me see where God has placed me to serve as a distinctive part of the plan.**

L: Within each of us is the great possibility for growth.

**P: Because within us is the love of Christ our Lord.**

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

## WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!

*If you are a visitor today, please complete a visitor card so we can send you our newsletter and keep you updated on the activities of our churches.*

### On the Calendar

- Sept 28** Chili-Chicken/Noodle Fundraiser at Nelson AgriCenter  
Retreat World's Fair
- Sept 29** 6-8 p.m. at the parsonage YOUTH NIGHT

### PRAYERS

*Sandy Marohl, Jeff Matson, those affected by flooding, those with illnesses and addictions, people in need, the United Methodist Church, the ministry of the Driftless Region, people seeking God.*

*Praise for birthdays, especially Richard Nerle at 101.*

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Pastor's Sabbath is Friday.



*Driftless Regional Ministries includes  
Liberty Pole, New Hope, and Retreat United Methodist Churches.*

### **Sunday Schedule:**

- 8 a.m. Retreat, E3426 County N, De Soto 54624  
9:15 a.m. Liberty Pole, S6759 WI-27, Viroqua, WI 54665  
10:30 a.m. New Hope UMC E2290 WI-82, De Soto 54624

**If you have an announcement for the bulletin,  
please submit it by Tuesday. Send submissions to  
[pastor@driftlessministry.org](mailto:pastor@driftlessministry.org)**

*Considering joining one of the Driftless Churches,  
or just want to know more about what membership in the church means?*

### **Join us for a look at Methodism**

October 20 at New Hope; 4 – 5:30 p.m. (Confirm with Pastor Pam by October 13)  
*Sign up sheets available at each service*



## LIBERTY POLE United Methodist Church

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*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. ~Ephesians 2:10*

**9:15 Worship  
Sunday School September - May  
Liberty Pole UMC S6759 WI-27, Viroqua, WI 54665**

*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the Transformation of the World*