

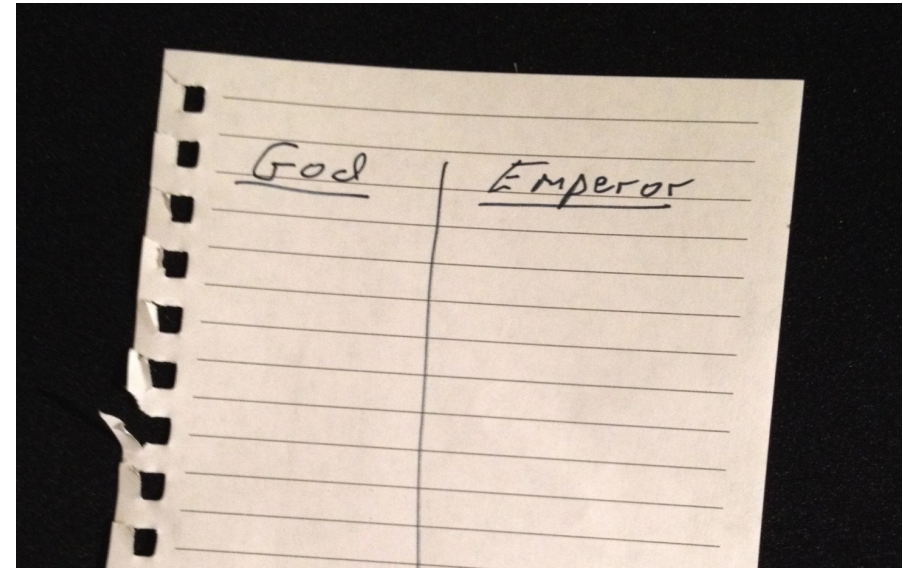
CALENDAR OF EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Monday, October 19th 6:30 pm Education Committee Meeting
- Tuesday, October 20th NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
 - 6:00 pm Finance Committee (Zoom)
 - 7:00 pm Administrative Council (Zoom)
- Wednesday, October 7th 8:00 am Prayer meeting (Zoom)—if you'd like to join or have prayer concerns, call 606-5009
 - 9:30-11:30 Chapel Open for Prayer
 - 7:30 pm Stewardship Planning (Zoom)
- Sunday, November 8th 7:00 pm Charge Conference (Zoom)

If you or someone you know is experiencing financial difficulties because of COVID related issues, talk with Pastor Erika about how our COVID-Angel fund might help.

Prayer List: Bud, Annabel, Pat, Gloria, Mae, Ramona, Arnold, Jean, those suffering because of COVID.

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**Viroqua
United Methodist Church**

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 on behalf of Jesus Christ. Amen.



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

**Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost
October 18th, 2020
10:30 a.m.**

October 18, 2020

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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 “**BE THOU MY VISION**” *arr. by Dale Wood*

****RINGING OF THE BELL**

****GREETING**

The goodness of the Lord passes before us;
The name of the Holy One is proclaimed for all to hear.
God is gracious and merciful to whomever God chooses;
Show us your glory, O Lord!

WELCOMING WORDS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLED TO WORSHIP

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

L. Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord our God and King! Glorious and powerful is the God of all creation!

P. In reverent awe, we gather to worship our God.

L. The Lord our God is King and the Just Judge of all things for all eternity, all people and all places.

P. In reverent awe, we gather to praise our God.

L. The Lord our God is King and the Forgiving God! ‘Fairness’ and ‘Justice’ are the names of our God.

P. In reverent awe, we gather to worship God, within the light of God’s holiness, justice, mercy and love. Amen.

****HYMN** “**JESUS CALLS US**” **UMH No. 398**

****OPENING PRAYER** (*in unison*)

God, You reign! Robed in majesty and armed with strength, You hold our world and our lives securely. Your throne has stood for all eternity. From everlasting to everlasting, You are God. Even when the waters rise up—when surging seas threaten to overwhelm us and pounding waves crash around us—we know that You are mightier, You are more powerful than the threats we face. Holy God, Your decrees are firm and unshakeable and will last forevermore. Amen.

CALLED TO REFLECTION

OLD TESTAMENT READING **PSALM 99** **PEW BIBLE NO. 717**

NEW TESTAMENT READING **1 THESSALONIANS 1: 1-10** **PEW BIBLE NO. 1439**

****GOSPEL READING** **MATTHEW 22: 15-22** **PEW BIBLE NO. 1174**

L. This is the word of God for the people of God.

P. Thanks be to God.

SERMON **REV. ERIKA MARTINEZ-FLORES**

CONFIRMATION HYMN “**HIS NAME IS WONDERFUL**” **UMH No. 174**

CALLED TO COMMUNITY AND TO SHARE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER, COMMUNITY PRAYER WITH LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING “**IN TIMES LIKE THESE**” *by Ruth Caye Jones*

****DOXOLOGY** **UMH No. 95**

****OFFERING PRAYER**

****CLOSING HYMN** “**TRUST AND OBEY**” **UMH No. 467**

SENT TO SERVE

****APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION**

****SENDING FORTH** (*in unison*)

As people who have been fed, go now to feed the world. As those who have been given hope, bring hope in place of despair. And always remember that we are never cut off from the Source. The Bread of Life, the True Vine is with us always. Amen.

****BENEDICTION RESPONSE** “**I LOVE YOU LORD**” **TFWS 2068**

****POSTLUDE** “**SING TO THE LORD OF HARVEST**” *by Johann Steurlein*

The WVRQ radio broadcast and bulletins are given this morning by various members and friends of the church.