

The radio broadcast and bulletins today are given by Janet Welch in celebration of her 93rd birthday on October 1st.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, October 4th	7:00 pm	Caste Book Discussion
Tuesday, October 5th	2:30 pm	Pastor at Ministerial Association Mtg.
Wednesday, October 6th	8:00 am	Prayer Meeting (Zoom) (Call 606-5009 with prayer concerns or to join)
Thursday, October 7th	6:00 pm	Worship Committee (Zoom)
Sunday, October 10th	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship with Communion
	6:00 pm	Jones Book Study Group
Sunday, October 17th	11:45 am	Youth and Parent Lunch & Chat
Sunday, October 24th	4:30-6:00 pm	Mexican Dinner Pickup

**Back to Home:** Emphasis on *Back to Home* (church) during October.

**Mark Your Calendar**—October 24th—**Mexican Dinner.** It will be available for pick-up beginning at 4:30. This was omitted from the calendar in the Newsletter, so please add it.

There is a drop-off box in the narthex for new or gently used shoes. This collection is requested by Melody Metz who is working with a group in China. Jobs will be created as the shoes are refurbished and distributed to people in SE Asia. The drive ends October 13th.

**Masks are highly recommended for everyone while in the building** until further notice. Keep the situation in your prayers.

**Prayer List:** All Homebound Members, Janet, Bud, Joanne, Margarite, Debbie Kelly & family, Gloria & family, family of Lynne Whitney, Youth Program, those suffering from COVID.



## 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.



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## World Communion Sunday

October 3rd, 2021  
10:30 a.m.

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Secretary: Kathy Hanson  
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October 3, 2021

# World Communion Sunday

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 “PASTORALE” by *Dominico Zipoli (1688-1726)*

\*\*RINGING OF THE BELL

\*\*GREETING

Welcome friends! We meet here in the house of the Creator at the great feasting table.

The Holy One who walked with our ancestors walks with us now, and will walk with our children for years to come.

WELCOMING WORDS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALLED TO WORSHIP

\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L. In the very air that we breathe, in the sound of whistling wind, and in the slap of the waves on the shore,

**P. we give you thanks for your presence.**

L. In the sound of children’s laughter, and in the songs of our elders,

**P. we give you thanks for your presence.**

L. Lift up your broken hearts:

**P. We lift them up to God.**

L. Let us honor our Creator.

**P. It is right to honor God.**

L. It is right to honor God and to give our thanks.

**P. We give our thanks to God.**

\*\*HYMN “I COME WITH JOY” UMH No. 617

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

O Redeemer God, as we gather in worship on this World Communion Sunday, we ask that you send your Holy Spirit to fall afresh on us. We pray for your Spirit to awaken new hope in us. Grant us the vision to see the coming of your kingdom. Help us to celebrate the glimpses of grace that you have given to each of us. Knit our hearts together in worship and communion so that we know we do not struggle alone in working for your peace and justice. We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE “THE LORD’S PRAYER” *sung by UMC Choir Members*

## CALLED TO REFLECTION

OLD TESTAMENT READING PSALM 133 PEW BIBLE NO. 742

NEW TESTAMENT READING EPHESIANS 4: 1-6 PEW BIBLE NO. 1424

\*\*GOSPEL READING LUKE 22: 14-20 PEW BIBLE NO. 1270

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

**P. Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “I HAVE EARNESTLY DESIRED TO EAT WITH YOU”

PASTOR ERIKA

## CALLED TO COMMUNITY AND TO SHARE

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

CHOIR ANTHEM “SACRED THE BODY” *Ruth Duck/W.D. Landes*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor. Grain is gathered from the field; threshed and milled for flour.

**P. We are formed from the grain of God’s harvest.**

Pastor. Flour is mixed with water to produce basic dough.

**P. The water of baptism unites us.**

Pastor. Yeast is added to transform the mixture.

**P. The vision of God’s realm draws us onwards.**

Pastor. Oil softens the dough and makes a new texture.

**P. The Holy Spirit anoints us as the body of Christ.**

Pastor. A little salt improves the taste.

**P. Jesus calls us to be the salt of the earth.**

Pastor. The bread is kneaded and shaped, molded and baked.

**P. It is God who makes us a holy communion.**

Pastor. Grapes are harvested and crushed for juice.

**P. You are the vine, we are the branches, O Christ.**

Pastor. Juice and skins are mixed with yeast for fermentation.

**P. God’s reign is coming. God’s hope is here.**

Pastor. There is a time of waiting; then a time of pressing.

**P. God’s new life presses forth through the sediment of our lives.**

Pastor. And finally, the feast is here!

**All. Let us celebrate the feast of our life in God.**

PARTICIPATION OF THE TABLE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER, COMMUNITY PRAYER

OFFERING “BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS” *arr. by Albert Beck*

\*\*DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

\*\*OFFERING PRAYER

\*\*CLOSING HYMN “HELP US ACCEPT EACH OTHER” UMH No. 560

## 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. And so we always share in Hope’s Banquet. Amen.

\*\*RESPONSE “GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN” UMH No. 672 (*verse 1*)

\*\*RINGING OF THE BELL

\*\*POSTLUDE “TRUMPET AIR” *by Henry Purcell*