

WESTBY UMC
January 16, 2022

** please stand in body or spirit*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONGS *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*
How Great Thou Art #77 UMH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

L. We come this day, Precious God, as people in need of your steadfast love:

P. with you is the fountain of life; in your Light we see light.

L. We gather this day, Water-changing God, as people looking for signs:

P. with you is the fountain of life; in your Light we see light.

L. We worship this day, Gifting God, as people who confess Jesus as our Lord:

P. with you is the fountain of life; in your Light we see light.

* OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Spirit of the living God, we praise and adore you for empowering us to claim membership of the body of Christ, a gift received through the fullness of your grace. Empower us anew, we pray, with tongues of fire and hearts of love to proclaim the reconciling word among people. Remind us that we are all members of the one body. May we, as the body of Christ in this place, be the best evidence of your love by declaring and witnessing to this as the year of the Lord's favor for all people. Accept our adoration and praise for these great gifts, we pray, in Jesus' name. 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 *As a Fire is Meant for Burning* #2237 TFWS

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

MESSAGE *"Gifts to Serve"*

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS, LIVES, AND SERVICE

*** Please place your offering in the plate as you leave, or send your offering by mail, or drop it off in the church mailbox by the south doors. ***

* DOXOLOGY #95 UMH *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

* OFFERING PRAYER

* CLOSING HYMN *Where the Spirit of the Lord Is* #2119 TFWS

* SENDING FORTH (Unison)

Go in peace; love and care for one another in the name of Christ; and may the Spirit of God fill your hearts, souls and minds; may the power of God strengthen you for each day; and may the love of God be your guiding light and your shining star, both now and forevermore. Amen

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Music: Jane Gaskell
Preacher: Pastor Erika Martinez-Flores

WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!

*Welcome in the name of the Lord.
If you are visiting with us for the first time,
please fill out a visitor information card.*



WESTBY United Methodist Church January 16, 2022

Coming Events:

- Jan. 16** 10:00 AM – Fellowship & Sunday School
Jan. 19 6:00 PM – Church Board Meeting - Everyone is welcome to attend.
Jan. 20 10:00 AM – Morning Bible Study (Book of Psalms)

PRAYERS

Duane (Ardith's brother-in-law), Tom, Paul (Linda's husband), staying safe as COVID cases are increasing, Adey and the other confirmation students and their mentors, Norsesland residents, our church family, Sunday School families, Pastor Erika, unnamed concerns, our church in ministry.

Pastor Erika – Westby Office Hours

If you have something you'd like to discuss with Pastor Erika in person, she is available during these times: Sunday mornings before worship (8:30-8:50) and Thursday (10:00-1:00).

Thursday Morning Bible Study

This year, we will be starting another Bible study group during the morning. This group will meet the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:00 AM for Bible study. Pastor Erika will be leading this study and we will start with the book of Psalms. Come for learning and fellowship!

Mission of the Month – Food Pantries (Bethel Butikk)

Since the local food pantries needed to help many families during the holiday season, they need help restocking their shelves. The best way we can help them is through financial donations because they can buy food at a greatly reduced price and make our financial donations go farther. If you want to donate to the Bethel Butikk, you may place your contribution in the offering plate and label it to indicate it's for the Bethel Butikk. You can also make a direct donation to a local food pantry of your choice:

- Bethel Butikk: PO Box 53, Westby, WI 54667
- Living Faith Food Pantry: 209 Sand Road, Viroqua, WI 54665
- New Hope Food Pantry: #2290 State Highway 82, De Soto, WI 54624 or
- Cashton Cupboard & Closet: 1213 Front St, Cashton, WI 54619

Donate Your Used Christmas Cards

If you want to put your used Christmas cards to a good use, you can donate them to the St. Jude's Ranch for Children (StJudesRanch.org). They use old holiday cards to make new cards that they sell, with the proceeds going to St. Jude's programs for children in need. Verna Drake will be sending a box of used cards to St. Jude's and will gladly add more cards to her box. Please bring your used Christmas cards to church by Sunday, Jan. 16th. You can place your cards on the table in the narthex.



9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Fellowship after Worship
10:00 AM Sunday School

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.*