

## OUR CHURCH IN ACTION

Monday, September 19th	7:00 pm	Book Discussion, <i>Killers of the Flower Moon</i>
Tuesday, September 20th	7:00 pm	Finance Committee
	8:00 pm	Administrative Council
Wednesday, Sept. 21st	8:00 am	Prayer Meeting (Zoom) (Call 606-5009 with prayer concerns or to join)
	6:00 pm	Choir practice
Sunday, September 25th	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship

Next Sunday, September 25th, we will observe Golden Cross Sunday, when we focus on the Health and Welfare Ministries of the United Methodist Church in Wisconsin. We will take a special offering to support these ministries. We will also honor and bless the members of our Covid Task Force, recognizing their contributions during the pandemic.

This is the season for garden produce – remember to bring any extra produce from your garden to the table in the corner of the narthex on Sunday mornings. All money collected from produce sales helps support our missionary, Temba, who runs an agricultural mission in Zambia.

### Upcoming Events

September 27th	6:00 pm	Long Range Planning potluck and meeting
October 2nd	10:45 am	Sunday School begins
October 5th		Baked Potato Supper (details to follow)

**Prayer List:** All Homebound Members, Erma Overbo Family, Kathy P., Keith, Pat M., Youth Program, those suffering from 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 and deepening love for Jesus Christ. Amen.



Viroqua UMC  
 221 S. Center Ave.  
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**Fifteenth Sunday of  
 Pentecost  
 September 18th, 2022**

**10:30 a.m.**

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# ***Fifteenth Sunday of 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** “SOUL, ADORN YOURSELF WITH GLADNESS” *by Johann Krueger*

**\*\*RINGING OF THE BELL**

**\*\*GREETING**

Happy are we who hear the joyful call to worship, for we walk in the light of God’s presence! Let’s worship God together—celebrating who he is and all that he has done! For God is our strength and our protection, the One in whom we trust.

**WELCOMING WORDS/LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

## **CALLED TO WORSHIP**

**\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L. Here today there is love, freely available to all. Not our human loving, fragile and intermittent, but God’s supreme love.

P. **May a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, break forth into joyous songs of praise!**

L. Here today is love, higher than our loftiest hopes, deeper than the immensities of time and space, God’s inclusive love.

P. **Let the seas roar their praise, and everything in them. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills sing together their happiness!**

L. The joy of the living Christ Jesus be with you all.

P. **And also with you.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** “O WORSHIP THE KING” **UMH No. 73**

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

Holy God, your faithful love toward us never ends! It is as sure and dependable as the sky over our heads. We praise You! We’ve gathered together in this place to offer you our worship and our thanksgiving; to declare to any who will listen that You are our God, and we are Your people. May Your Spirit be at work among us as we worship, opening our eyes to the light of Your presence in this place. Amen.

## **CALLED TO REFLECTION**

**PSALM READING** **PSALM 89: 1-16** **PEW BIBLE NO. 710**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** **EPHESIANS 5: 1-20** **PEW BIBLE NO. 1425**

**\*\*GOSPEL READING** **JOHN 12: 27-36** **PEW BIBLE NO. 1301**

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

P. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** “THE CHURCH AND GOD’S STANDARDS, PART II”

**\*\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION** “I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME” **UMH No. 521**

## **CALLED TO COMMUNITY AND TO SHARE**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**SILENT PRAYER, COMMUNITY PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER**

**OFFERING** “INTERMEZZO” *by Flor Peeters*

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

**\*\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**\*\*CLOSING HYMN** “O HAPPY DAY THAT FIXED MY CHOICE” **UMH No. 391**

## **SENT TO SERVE**

**\*\*APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION**

**\*\*SENDING FORTH**

Go out, and make known the mystery of the gospel. Keep alert and pray at all times. Draw strength from God’s power and so stand firm against all that would corrupt you. And may God arm you with truth and righteousness. May Christ Jesus give you words of Spirit and life, and may the Holy Spirit draw you near to God’s presence and bless you with honor and grace. Amen.

**\*\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** “BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS” **UMH No. 557**  
(*vs. 1*)

**\*\*RINGING OF THE BELL**

**\*\*POSTLUDE** “PRELUDE IN C MAJOR” *by J. S. Bach*

The flowers on the altar today are given by Jim Porter in recognition of his 80th birthday and 24th anniversary of his custodial position here at VUMC.