

WELCOME TO HARWICH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



August 20, 2023

Thought for the Week

Taste your words before you spit them out.
Be careful with your words; once they are said,
they can be only forgiven, not forgotten.

~~Gathering and Welcome~~

Sharing joys and concerns

Prelude

Call to Worship

L: Lord, be with us throughout these summer days.

P: Guide us in your paths of service.

L: Dance with us on the days of joy.

P: Reach out to us when we are fearful.

L: Dear friends, Jesus is our guide and our pilot.

P: No matter how rough the "seas", Jesus brings us hope and peace. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

#334

Opening Prayer

As summer draws to a close, we begin to focus our attention toward the activities of autumn. For some it will mean preparing children for school; for others youth will be preparing to enter college or the work force or perhaps military service. Be with these precious ones as they embark on life's journeys. Be with each one of us as we encounter life's challenges. Open our hearts to receive your healing mercy and your transforming love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

God of infinite mercy and love, we come before you this day, knowing that we have not always been faithful to what you would have us do. We have too often turned our backs on those in need, choosing not to hear their cries. Forgive us, O Lord. We know that you do

not want us to behave in this way. Your love and mercy, so generously showered over us, should be a beacon to guide our own actions. We make no excuses, for none would suffice. We ask your forgiveness and blessing, turning us again around and placing us on the path of compassion and peace. This prayer we offer in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Passing the Peace of Christ

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 133 #850

~~The Church Proclaims the Word~~

Scripture Readings Genesis 45:1-15; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Anthem "The Heavens Declare God's Glory" B. Marcello
Mary Dulemba and Marisha Dubiel

Gospel Reading Matthew 15:10-28
L: The word of God for the People of God
P: Thanks Be to God

Message "Mortal Wounds" Pastor Dianne

*Hymn "Wounded World That Cries for Healing" #2177

The World Methodist Social Affirmation #886

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

*Doxology #94

*Offering Prayer

God of abundance and joy, we thank you for the many blessings you have poured on our lives. Receive these gifts, lovingly given, and bless them in your service. Amen.

~~The Church Goes Forth~~

*Final Hymn "Where Charity and Love Prevail" #549

*Benediction

*God Be With You #673

*Postlude

Liturgist: Hugh Dykens
Ushers: Rose Higgins and Carl Johnson
Coffee Hour: John and Leslie Albee

You are welcome here. No matter who you are. No matter what.

Scripture Readings for August 27, 2023
Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Romans 8:26-39;
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Calendar

Today: Administrative Council after worship

Announcements

If you'd like to donate to Maui disaster relief efforts through HUMC, make your check payable to HUMC with Maui on the memo line. UMCOR, Maui Strong, and the Lahaina United Methodist Church are three organizations where your donation can be sent. If you have a preference, please so indicate.

Your help is desperately needed at the Thrift Shop!
Don't forget to sign up for Coffee Hour

Prayers

Grieving: Families and friends of Don and Darlene Ryan
and Chie Young's grandfather; the people of Maui

Hospice: David Thyng
The island of Maui

The effects of climate change world-wide
Proliferation of guns and increasing frequency of mass murders
Brian Mielke and others who are searching for work

Healing: Don Gould, Sr., Ruth Zeller, Joan Felahi, Gloria Brown, Linda Todenhagen, Sloan Gambardella, Sheila Johnson, Irene Van Norden

Continued Prayers: Dan Murphy, Don Howell, Al Thompson, Donald Turcotte, Kenny Souza, Joan Stevens, Nancy McIntyre, Pauline Doliber, Michael Chatham, Greg Legeyt and Karen Daffinee

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