Welcome to worship! Activity bags for children are available on the book shelf in the lobby if your little one would like to pack a bag of items to play with during worship. Children are always welcome in sanctuary, but a staffed nursery is also available at the end of the hall for any babies, toddlers, and preschoolers who prefer more space to wiggle and play. Large print bulletins are available near the entrance and hearing assistance devices are available at the sound board for those who need them. May God meet you here in this space as we worship together today!

FWS= The Faith We Sing songbook \* indicates you are invited to stand **Bold text** indicates a unison prayer or response

# PRELUDE

GREETING

# CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER

Leader: We come together this day, drawn by the light of God's love!

# People: In God's eternal kingdom, darkness and despair are vanquished.

Leader: In God's eternal realm, peace and hope reign!

People: Let all the people praise God with their music and their voices!

Leader: Let all the people praise God with their deeds of loving-kindness!

People: Praise be to God. Amen!

\*OPENING SONG "Open Our Eyes"

Faith We Sing # 2086

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

Loving companion, you give your people visions, allowing us to believe in your words. We come to you today to keep our word, profess our love, and proclaim our faith. Nurture our hearts with your teachings, and nurture our minds with your grace. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "What Our Hearts Can 'See'"

SCRIPTURE READINGS Acts 16:9-15 John 14:23-29

MESSAGE "Seeing a New Reality"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Pastoral Prayer Silent 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.

#### PRAYER HYMN

"Leave It There"

Hymnal # 522

OFFERING OF GRATITUDE

# \*DOXOLOGY

Hymnal # 94

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

God of the mountains and the valleys, of the dry places and oceans: Your voice speaks to us across creation; the flowers and the trees sing of your majesty; and the stars of the night speak of how much we still don't know. As we offer gifts to you and speak our words of gratitude, help us to hear your voice anew. Give us ears to hear, faith to believe, and determination to truly listen to how you would send us into a hurting world. In Christ, we pray. **Amen.** 

# \*CLOSING HYMN

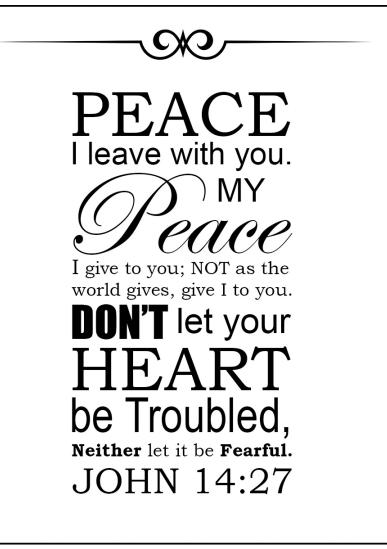
"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

Hymnal # 349

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE



Menomonie United Methodist Church

Мау 22, 2022