

*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: Jesus reminded the disciples

**People: Love one another as I have loved you.**

Leader: Jesus taught and witnessed to God's love

**People: Love one another as I have loved you.**

Leader: Jesus encourages us to love each other with  
tenderness, compassion, and hope.

**People: Let us love one another as Christ loved us.**

**Amen.**

## \*OPENING SONG

"Spirit of the Living God"

Hymnal # 393

## OPENING PRAYER

**Loving God, you have given us the task to love one another. May the gifts we offer bring love and life to others. May the love we share bring hope to a world that has forgotten how to love. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"How to Spot a Christian"

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 11:1-18

John 13:31-35

## MESSAGE

"One Final Test"

## 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

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

FWS # 2193

## OFFERING OF GRATITUDE

## \*DOXOLOGY

Hymnal # 94

## CONFIRMATION VIDEO

### CONFIRMATION CEREMONY p. 33-39 in Hymnal

*All candidates for baptism and confirmation come forward to the stairs. All mentors and parents can move to the front row so they are prepared to participate in the confirmation blessing (p. 37) by placing their hand on their student/child's shoulder if desired when we get to that point in the service.*

### CLOSING PRAYER

Loving God, we are often upset by people who are not like us—those who think differently, those who act differently, those who speak differently. Our parched hearts are thirsty for your love. Our dry spirits are thirsty for your waters of life. Pour your love over us and transform us, that we may embrace all people as your own. **Amen.**

### \*CLOSING HYMN

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" FWS #2223

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

### POSTLUDE

As I have  
loved you,  
love one  
another.

JOHN 13:34

*Menomonie United Methodist Church*

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