



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **MADISON**



September 6, 2026
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER of WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: A new song awaits us;

People: God's Spirit is coming.

Leader: We can hear the music; we're ready to move!

People: God's praise will be on our lips!

Leader: Neighbors from far and wide will pour out from their doorways.

People: God's joy will be alive in the streets;

Leader: friends and neighbors will gather.

People: All will rejoice;

Leader: together, we will breathe a deep sigh of peace

People: as we turn our hearts towards the justice of the Lord.

(Music for the hymns is in the back of the bulletin.)

*Opening Hymn #663

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

Prayer of Confession

All: Beautiful Savior, you have made your law clear: Love. Love one another. Owe one another nothing but love. Do no wrong to a neighbor. But we have not mastered what it is to love. We have fallen short, causing harm to others through careless action and thoughtless lack of action. Forgive us. Teach us how to love more fully, more perfectly, as generously as you love, following your law and fulfilling your will.

(A moment of silence is observed.)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Christ does not judge us harshly, but forgives all our sin and leads us into new life.

People: We will not take this forgiveness for granted, but will let it transform how we live and love.

***Congregational Response #582**

Glory to God

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free,
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(You may pass the peace to one another.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Scripture Reading

Exekiel 33:7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?"

Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn # 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Psalm 119:33-40 (read responsively)

³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

³⁴ Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

³⁶ Turn my heart to your decrees and not to selfish gain.

³⁷ Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; be gracious to me according to your word.

³⁸ Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.

³⁹ Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

⁴⁰ See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness be gracious to me.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn #64

I Long for Your Commandments

Epistle Lesson

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn #203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:15-20

“If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn #529

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Comments on Scripture

***Affirmation of Faith**

from the Confession of 1967

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.

His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

The Gifts of Our Tithes and Offering

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all people here below;

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God whom we adore.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Amen!

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Closing Hymn #542 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

*Blessing and Charge

*Postlude

*As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins.
We are the church, sent out in Jesus' name,
to be Christ's body in the world.*

WORSHIP LEADER

Kathleen Underwood

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES IN WEBB CHAPEL

Summer worship services will be held in Webb Chapel through **September 6**.

RALLY DAY - SEPTEMBER 13

Rally Day is Sunday, September 13! Worship will be in the sanctuary followed by lunch on the lawn. Please join us as we celebrate the start of a new program year.

RALLY AROUND FOR IFPN BROWN BAG BUDDIES!

On Rally Day, we'll rally around the table to assemble 20 Brown Bag Buddies to support the Interfaith Food Pantry's program that provides healthy, balanced foods for school-age children who may not have adequate options at home, especially on the weekends. The IFPN Brown Buddy Bag flyer gives the program's details and lists all the items we need (shown below). Please donate these items as you are able, and we'll collect them through **September 13** (Rally Day). Please email Kathleen Underwood with questions at kathleenunderwood@verizon.net and thank you for your support!

Qty / Category	Item	Approx. Cost
3 Grains	Individual Cereal Boxes	.50
	Individual packs of crackers (Goldfish, etc.)	.35
	Whole grain cereal or granola bars	.20
2 Proteins	Pop-top cans or microwaveable bowls (Spaghetti & MB, Ravioli, Beefaroni, etc.)	1.25
	Tuna pouches	1.00
	Easy Mac n Cheese	1.00
2 Fruits	Canned Fruit/Fruit cups in water	.65
	Individual Boxed Raisins or dried fruit packs	.40
2 Misc.	100% juice box	.40
	8 oz. shelf-stable milk	1.25
	Individual Size pudding cup	.30
Bags	Need Large Size Brown Lunch or Ziplock Bags	.20
	Total Per Bag	\$7.50

SANCTUARY SINGERS & RINGERS - REHEARSALS ON THURSDAYS

Sanctuary Singers and Sanctuary Ringers are back this fall! Rehearsals will be held regularly on **Thursdays at 6:30 pm for Singers and 7:30 pm for Ringers**. Please consider joining us and worshipping through music - no experience required!

YOU ARE AMAZING WITH KINDNESS & PILLOWCASES!

Joy Case, leader at St. Augustine's Port in the Storm, is so right! Port in the Storm received your donations on July 14, and Joy says, "Your donation of pillowcases helps meet immediate needs and offers assistance during challenging times. Thanks to your kindness, homeless youth, individuals, and families in St. Johns County can begin their journey toward stability and self-sufficiency. You are making that possible!" We're small and mighty and make BIG differences along our faith journey. Thank you!!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY DONATING YOUR SPARE CHANGE TO HELP FIGHT FOOD INSECURITY?

The Mission Team has created an easy way for you to put those extra pennies, nickels, and dimes to good use. Every Sunday, you'll find a container where you can drop off your coins. Quarters designated for RAMP should continue to go in the tube and will be matched by an amount from the mission budget. All coins collected (except quarters) will be counted at the CoinStar machine at Stop and Shop, and every cent will go directly to Feeding America, which is a nationwide network of 200 food banks and 60,000 food pantries and programs, providing food and support to people facing hunger.

According to their website, every dollar donated helps provide at least 10 meals. Families can get involved by having children sort coins into two piles—quarters for RAMP and all other change for Feeding America.

ONLINE GIVING

Thank you for supporting the vision and ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Madison. Scan the following QR code to use our secure online giving form to make a one-time donation or conveniently schedule recurring gifts.



Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7

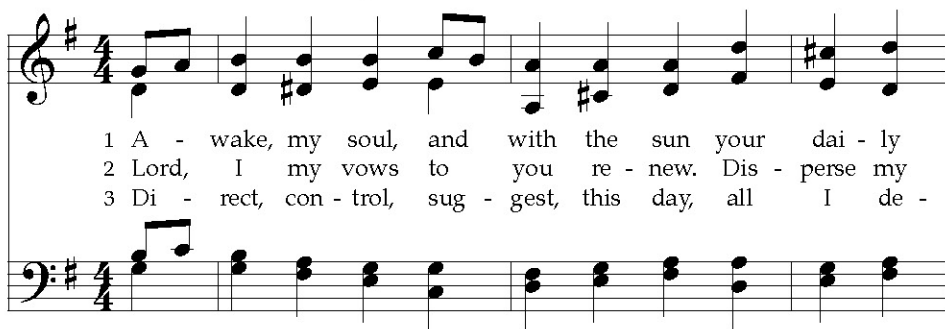
PRAYER LIST

During the week, each one of us can make it a part of our daily spiritual practice to pray. You are invited to participate, as you are able, offering prayer in light of God's healing love.

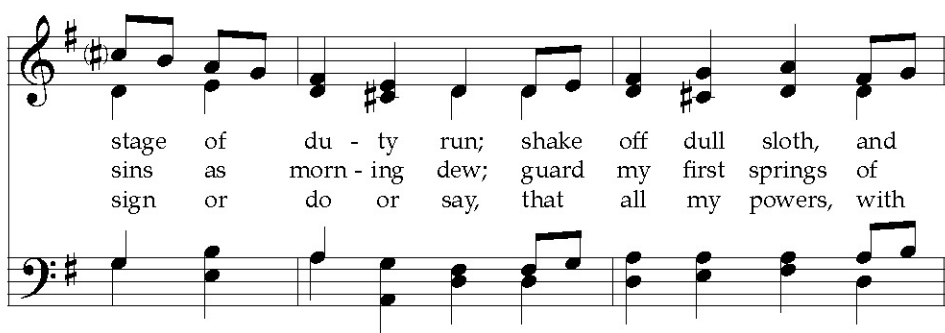
If you have an update for the prayer list, please email Rev. Carol Howard at carolhoward@pcmadison.org or call the church office at 973-377-1600. Thank you for helping us maintain a more current prayer list.

- Honor the life of Mary Ann Peifly, mother to Jeff & Jen (his wife) and grandmother to Emma & Sydney
- Comfort, peace, and joy that heals sadness and heartbreak for the Peifly family
- Kunzinger Family, whose brother and husband (to Gayle), Billy, passed away unexpectedly
- Joe and his family on a hard journey with his elderly parents
- Brody for recovery
- Debbie and daughter Sara for a permanent solution to their homeless situation
- Prayers for John and Louise
- David's grandson for his faith-focused journey
- Laurie living with Parkinson's disease
- Jack living with Parkinson's and Melissa (his daughter) and Lynn (his wife) as they encourage and support him
- Lucy and family, after the recent passing of their father
- John and his wife, Kathy, as he starts a new clinical trial at Mayo Clinic for a rare form of Parkinson's
- Jordan for healing and relief from pain
- Jackie and her children, as they grieve their husband and father
- Doug, a friend of the Burnet family, who was recently diagnosed with a serious illness
- Immigrants
- Kathleen, caregiver for her parents
- Susan, sister of Bob Landrigan, as she battles Parkinson's disease

663 Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun your dai - ly
 2 Lord, I my vows to you re - new. Dis - perse my
 3 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all I de -



stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
 sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of
 sign or do or say, that all my powers, with



joy - ful rise to pay your morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 thought and will, and with your - self my spir - it fill.
 all their might, in your sole glo - ry may u - nite.

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) B^b (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)

F B^b F B^b F F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed

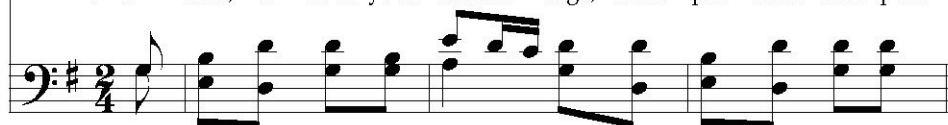
let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gery ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - na heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

64 I Long for Your Commandments

(Psalm 119)



1 I long for your com - mand - ments; your judg - ments all are
 2 With - out your lamp to guide me I wan - der from the
 3 O God, I love your knowl - edge, more pre - cious than pure



just. With - in your words is wis - dom, your teach - ings
 way. With - out your laws and pre - cepts I stum - ble
 gold. It sat - is - fies like hon - ey, a sweet - ness



un - der - stood are com - fort to my spir - it's need and
 in the dark. Your un - der - stand - ings are my hope that
 on my tongue. It leads me to sal - va - tion's door where



in the night my so - lace. Your stat - utes are my song.
 I may run in free - dom. Your ways are my re - lease.
 you have spread your ta - ble. O, lead me to your home.



203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7) C7

Refrain

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

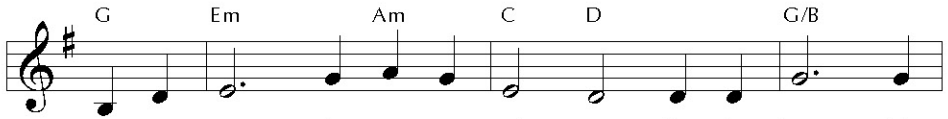
1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Fine

to Refrain

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether 529



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



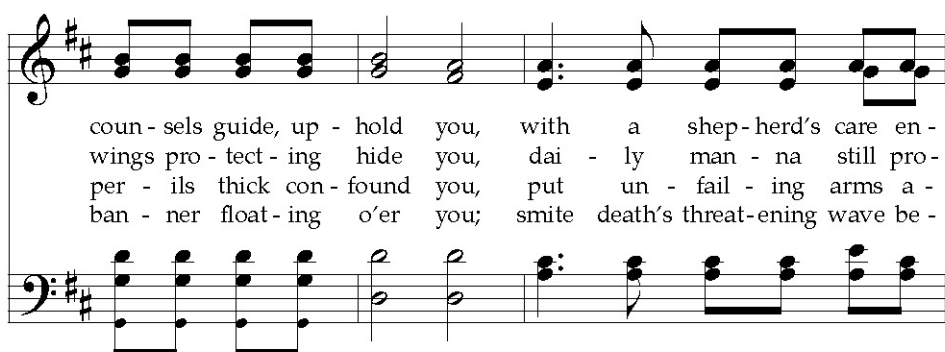
lu - ia! Here we touch your gar - ment's hem.
 lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

542 God Be with You Till We Meet Again



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's



coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en -
 wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro -
 per - ils thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a -
 ban - ner float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be -



fold you:
 vide you:
 round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 fore you:

NOTES

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