



Fire and Division

The Faith Journey

DISCOVER HOW GOD'S ENDURING GRACE GUIDES
US THROUGH EVERY SEASON OF LIFE.

BRING YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS TO
WORSHIP, REFLECT, GROW.

Waterloo First United Methodist Church

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Rev. Dr. Hojin Shin, *Pastor*

The Mission of Waterloo First United Methodist Church is to be a church of people who live as disciples of Jesus Christ by providing a place for spiritual growth in a caring, inviting community.

August 17, 2025

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome! We are happy to have you with us today!

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist Arlene Wright

Please sign and pass the Ritual of Friendship.

*GREETING (With One Another)

Rev. Hqjin Shin

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

Response: And also with you!

CENTERING WORDS Luke 12:49

49 “I came to cast fire upon the earth. How I wish that it was already ablaze!

PRELUDE

"Total Praise"

Richard Smallwood

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Good morning! Come with hearts open, expectant for God's transforming Word.

We come ready for the Spirit's fire—to cleanse, awaken, and even challenge us.

Jesus came not to bring peace only, but a purifying fire that sets us right.

We welcome that fire, trusting God's refining love.

All: Let us worship the Lord who makes all things new.

*OPENING PRAYER

God of light and love, we come under Your gaze this morning—open, expectant, and humble. Ignite our hearts with Your refining fire, that our faith may burn away apathy, compromise, and fear. As we bless backpacks and set out for a new season, give us courage to be people of clarity, grace, and conviction. Purify us, unite us, and send us with Your peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

No. 657

No. 895

Luke 12: 49-56

No. 467

Rev. Hojin Shin

No. 94

No. 140

*Please stand if you are able

We are happy you are with us today!!
*Please sign the **attendance registration** pad located in the pew racks.*

Altar Flowers
Today's altar flowers are given by Dorothy Wight
In loving memory of Jack

If you would like to use a **large print hymnal**,
or a **hearing assistance device** please ask an usher for one.

- * Our prayer chain is available to any who have needs or concerns. We will pray with you and for you. Fill out a prayer request form located in the pew or contact the church office at 235-7088. All prayer requests will be sent out by email.
- * Our Cry Room, Nursery, and a Rest Room are all located off the hallway in the back of the sanctuary.
- * The service is recorded each week and is available to anyone who requests it. If you know of someone who is unable to attend services and would like to receive a DVD or an audio CD, please contact the church office, 235-7088.
- * Today's service is being live streamed on Facebook.
- * Children's Bulletins are available in the sanctuary on a table by the door in the front. Children's packets are available in bags and the back of the sanctuary.

Ministers	Every Member
Director of Music	Emily Forssberg
Organist	Dr. Linda Sharp DMA, MDiv
Pianist	Dr. John Roberts, Ed. D.
Administrative Assistant	Kristy Klinger
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