



Upside-Down Kingdom

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 31, 2025

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist Ollie Thurman

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 14:11

All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up.

PRELUDE

“Bless Me” [Prayer of Jabez] Donald Lawrence & Andrae Crouch

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the Kingdom of God, the last shall be first.

The hungry are fed, and the stranger welcomed.

This is the upside-down way of Jesus.

We come to learn, to serve, and to love.

Here, pride is humbled and humility lifted high.

Let us worship the Lord of the feast.

*OPENING PRAYER

God of grace, You turn the world’s values upside down. You call us to humility, compassion, and hospitality without expecting return. Teach us Your ways today, so that we may live as citizens of Your Kingdom. Let our worship shape our hearts for service. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

*OPENING HYMNS

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

No. 548

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

No. 895

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

SPECIAL MUSIC

“I Said I Wasn’t Gonna tell Nobody”

Thom Weintraut & John Roberts

Alex Bradford

SERMON

“The Faith Journey– Upside-Down Kingdom”

Rev. Hojin Shin

OFFERING

Offertory

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

No. 94

*CLOSING HYMN

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

No. 381

*BENEDICTION

POSTUDE

“He’s Done So Much for Me”

Theodore R. Fry
& Lillian Bowles

John Roberts, Ed. D., pianist

*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.*

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.
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