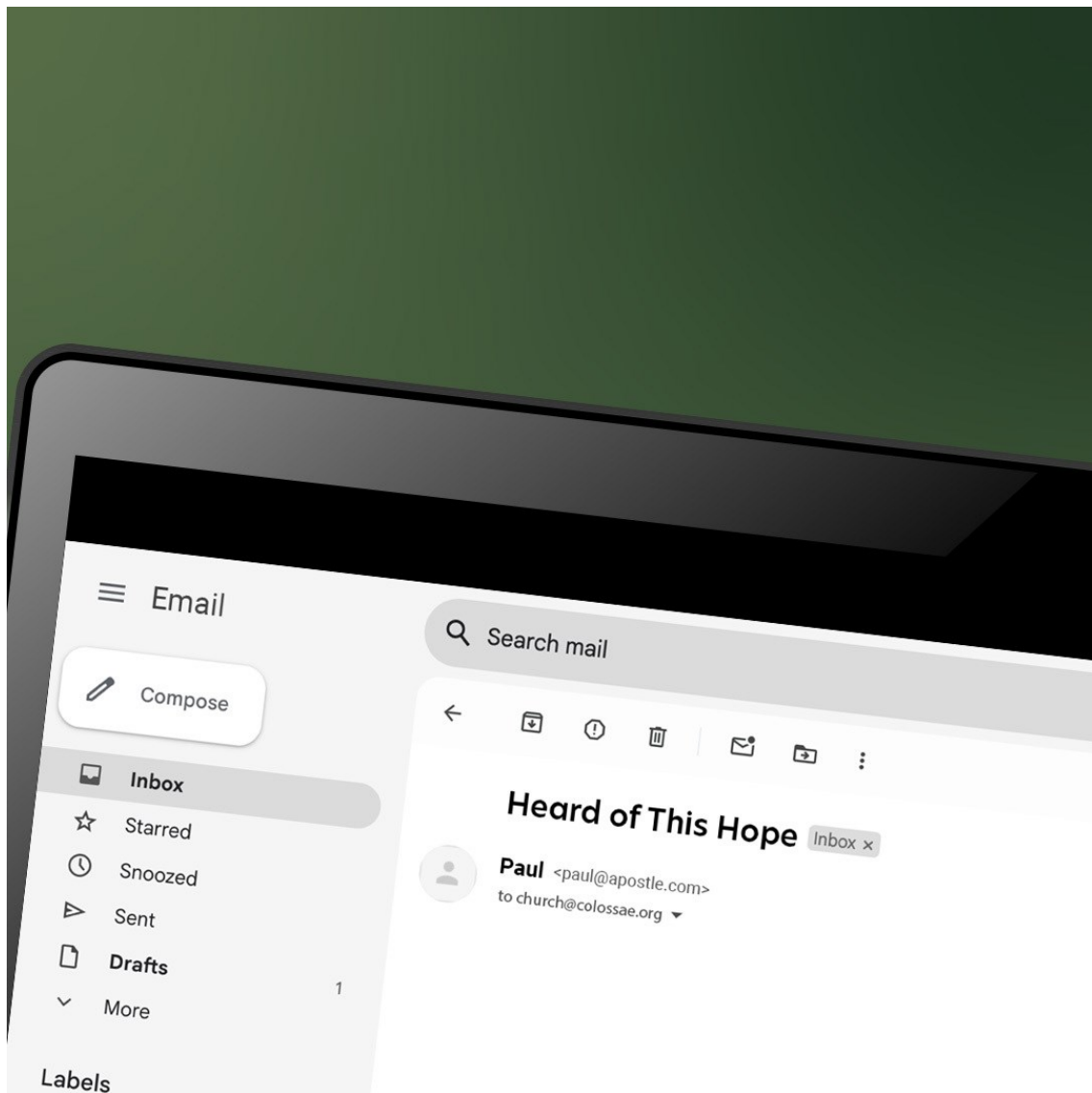




Waterloo First United Methodist Church

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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.

July 13, 2025

Fifth 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. Hojn Shin

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

Response: And also with you!

CENTERING WORDS Luke 10:27, 29 (NRSVUE)

²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

PRELUDE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

arr. John Carter (#139)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, are you listening? Have you noticed? God has planted seeds of hope among us.

We have heard of this hope!

Are you listening? Have you noticed? God nurtures hope among us, helping us bear the fruit of faithfulness in this world.

We seek this hope as we learn to live in faith.

Are you listening? Have you noticed? The hope of God’s good news forms you to love one another with the love of Christ.

We cling to this hope as we grow in love of God, self, neighbor, and all creation.

Children of God, come! Come, let us worship God who graciously offers us the gift of hope.

Come, let us worship God who empowers us to put our hope into faithful and loving actions!

*OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we thank You for the hope we have heard in the Gospel and for the love You have shown us through Jesus Christ. Open our ears today to hear Your Word clearly and our hearts to receive Your hope deeply. Help us to see our neighbors with compassion and to live out Your love with courage and mercy. Align our hearts with Your justice so that our hope may bear fruit in kindness and service. We ask all this in the name of Jesus, our living hope. Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN**

“Blessed Assurance”

No. 369

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

No. 895

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 1:1-14

***HYMN**

“Give Me Jesus”

No. 3140

SERMON

“Hear of This Hope”

Rev. Hojin Shin

OFFERING

Offertory

“In Thee Is Gladness”

arr. Dale Wood. (#169)

Doxology

No. 94

Offertory Prayer

*CLOSING HYMN

“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

Vs. 1-3 No. 569

***BENEDICTION**

POSTUDE

“Sent Forth By God's Blessing”

arr. David Laskey (664)

Linda Sharp, organist

*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 Arlene Wright
Thank you for the many freedoms we enjoy as a result of sacrifices by others.

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.

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Pianist	Dr. John Roberts, Ed. D.
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