



# 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 20, 2025

## Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist Don Faris

*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 Proverbs 17:17

Friends love all the time, and kinsfolk are born for times of trouble.

### PRELUDE

*"Morning Has Broken"*

Arr. Lorie Line

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Like toys that come to life when their child is near,

**We come alive in the presence of our loving God.**

Like Woody and Buzz learning to work together,

**We gather as diverse people united in Christ's love.**

Like Andy's toys finding purpose in bringing joy,

**We find our purpose in serving God and loving others.**

**All: Come, let us worship the God who calls us friends!**

### \*OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, you have created us not to walk alone, but to journey together as your beloved children. Like the toys in Andy's room, we each have unique gifts and purposes. Help us to see past our differences and discover the joy of true friendship. May we learn, like Woody and Buzz, that together we are stronger than apart. Guide us to be faithful friends who stick by each other through every adventure. In Jesus' name, who called us friends, we pray. Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMNS**

*“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”*  
*“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

**Vs. 1, 2 & 4 No. 90**  
**No. 526**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord’s Prayer

**No. 895**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**John 15: 12-17**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*“Ave Maria”*  
Donna Brown & Prudy Klinger, piano duet

Franz Schubert  
Arr. Eric Baumbartner

**SERMON**

*“To Infinity and Beyond”*

**Rev. Hojin Shin**

**OFFERING**

Offertory  
Doxology  
Offertory Prayer

*“The Abundant Life”*

Garret Parker  
**No. 94**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*

**No. 557**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTUDE**

*Intonation on "Lasst Uns Erfreuen"*

Lasky & Robb

**Linda Sharp, organist**

**Kent Opheim, song leader**

\*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 Mary Ellen Warren**  
**In memory of Robert & Bernice Hammond**

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.

<b>Ministers</b>	Every Member
<b>Director of Music</b>	Emily Forssberg
<b>Organist</b>	Dr. Linda Sharp DMA, MDiv
<b>Pianist</b>	Dr. John Roberts, Ed. D.
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