**WELCOME & SERVICE INTRODUCTION**

**PRELUDE:** A Change is Gonna Come

*Please observe silence while preparing your mind and heart for worship.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING HYMN** “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” Red 569

**GREETING TIME**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Our hearts are broken. We don’t know how to love properly.

 Our trust is broken, We cannot earn it faithful or give it freely.

 Our community is broken.

 We cannot love our neighbor as ourselves.

We confess that we are both the victims and the perpetrators of our brokenness.

 We implore you, dear God:

 Break the cycle of brokenness.

 Provide the grace and trust that we cannot provide.

Open our eyes to our neighbors who are near to us, and those who are far away.

 Heal our hearts. Restore our trust. Build our human community.

 **Amen.**

**OPENING MINDS**

Psalm 15

 Micah 6:6a-8

 Matthew 5:1-12

**MESSSAGE** Rev. Frank Maxwell

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “This Little Light of Mine”

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**GRACE IN ACTION - CALL TO ACTION**

**OUR OFFERINGS FOR CHRIST**

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**: “Doxology” Red 95

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Spirit of Life who paints the skies in every hue, we praise you for morning and night, for dawn and dusk, and for every moment in between. We praise you for the vibrant, loud, and serene colors of creation. We revel in the ever-changing of the seasons. We thank you for the infinite and as-yet undiscovered diversity of your creatures, of galaxies beyond our imagining. Teach us to feel awe again. Teach us to see and celebrate the stunning beauty in all you have made.

 **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** “Jesus You Have Truly Called Us” (see insert)

**BLESSING / SENDING**

Today yes, today (yes, even today) as fires rage and floods seethe

**As so much, and so many, are inundated under water, under evacuation, under assault of too much for too long**

And not enough, too as we, residing in such chasms of grief, of exhaustion of loneliness of willful carelessness of unmet need.

 **Today Yes, today (yes, even today)**

 **may beauty find, may gentleness soften,**

 **may care reach,**

 **may spirit soothe,**

 **may life meet.**

You and you and you and using each broken open space

 in each broken open heart in this broken open world.

 *~ Rev. Anna Blaedel, enfleshed*

 May the God of dreamers and visionaries bless you and keep you.

 **Amen**

**POSTLUDE** “Lift Every Voice and Sing”



**ALL are welcome.**

**Really.**

**ALL.**

**April 28th, 2024**

**Prayer Requests:** Andy & Bernadette’s new dog LuLu; Wolf Den & Backpack kids; Linda’s Aunt Beverly; Liz Kuhn enduring chemo again; Jane B’s nephew Steve; Sarah Demmin; Cora; Linda Kleindl; Tammy’s dog Luke.

**ALGOMA & WEST KEWAUNEE UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES**

**Grace in Action Calendar for:** April 28th – May 5th

**Sunday**

8:15 AM Worship Service West Kewaunee

10:15 AM Worship Service Algoma UMC

**Tuesday**

8:00 AM Men’s Breakfast Northwater Bakery

**Wednesday**

11:00 AM – 1PM Senior Soup

4:00 PM – 5PM Wolf Den

**Thursday**

9:00 AM Worship Service Sycamore Lodge

10:00 AM Backpack Food Dist.

10:00AM **NO Bible Study** AUMC Lounge

**Sunday**

8:30 AM Worship Service West Kewaunee

10:15 AM Worship Service Algoma &Online

**Kewaunee UMC:**

**N3207 Church Rd, Kewaunee, WI 54216**

**Algoma UMC:**

**804 Parker Ave Algoma WI 54201 (920)487-2727**

**West kewaunee:**

**guide to our Well-Hidden bathroom**

The port-a-potty is outside to the north of the church. Please ask for help if you need it!

Worship Leader: Rev. Frank Maxwell

Ministers: All of us

**Welcoming Statement:** Algoma & West Kewaunee United Methodist Churches serve God’s creation by celebrating and modeling the love of Jesus by embracing and honoring all cultures, all genders, all sexualities, and all abilities.

