***July 2, 2023 – Joy for the Journey***

**Introduction:** Even in the midst of change, God wants us to experience Joy for the Journey of life. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can surrender our fears to God and dwell in the joy and peace of what God is doing for us now.

**OPENING HEARTS**

Prelude John Contratto

Welcome and Service Introduction

Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Red#89

\*Call to Worship

Incline your ear, O God. Hear the praises of your people. **Gladden the hearts of your servants, as we lift up our souls to you.** For you, O God, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love. **In the day of trouble, we call on you, knowing you will answer.** Your people everywhere glorify your name. **For you are slow to anger, and abound in steadfast love.** Turn to us and be gracious.

\*Greeting Time

Prayer for Illumination Christina Rosetti

**Open wide the window of our spirits, O Lord, and fill us full of light; open wide the door of our hearts, that we may receive and entertain you with all our powers of adoration and love. Amen.**

Hymn *When We All Get to Heaven* Red#701

**OPENING MINDS**

First Lesson Psalm 98

# Psalm 98-New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

**1**O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.
**2**The Lord has made known his victory;
    he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
**3**He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
    to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen
    the victory of our God.

**4**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
    break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
**5**Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
    with the lyre and the sound of melody.
**6**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
    make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

**7**Let the sea roar and all that fills it,
    the world and those who live in it.
**8**Let the floods clap their hands;
    let the hills sing together for joy
**9**at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming
    to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness
    and the peoples with equity.

Second Lesson Philippians 4:4-9

# Philippians 4:4-9New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

**4**Rejoice[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+4%3A4-9&version=NRSVUE#fen-NRSVUE-29430a)] in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+4%3A4-9&version=NRSVUE#fen-NRSVUE-29430b)] **5**Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. **6**Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. **7**And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**8**Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+4%3A4-9&version=NRSVUE#fen-NRSVUE-29434c)] these things. **9**As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon *Joy for the Journey* Rev. Park Hunter

Special Music  John Contratto

**OPENING DOORS**

Prayers of the People… ...The Lord’s Prayer

Prayer Response *This is My Father’s World* Red#144

Call to Action

**WOMEN’S COFFEE CIRCLE**: will meet during the summer months of July (6th) and August (3rd) on the first (THIS) Thursday of the month at 10am in the AUMC Lounge.

Our Offerings for Christ

God calls us to share what we have – a little bread,

a little water – and God uses those simple gifts to bring abundant blessing to the world.

Offertory Response *I Come with Joy* Red#617

Offertory Prayer Mother Theresa of Calcutta

**Make us worthy, Lord, to serve those throughout the world who live and die in poverty or hunger. Give then, through our hands, this day their daily bread; and by our understanding love, give peace and joy. Amen.**

The Covenant of Communion

Closing Hymn *Marching to Zion* Red#733

Commission and Blessing Rev. Park Hunter

Postlude John Contratto

*Thank you for worshiping with us today.*

**GPS: Grow, Pray, Study**

Prayer + Ponder + Practice = Peace

Use this equation this week to see if it helps you have a greater level of peace in your life. Start with prayer. Vent the things that are running through your mind to God. Then surrender them! Sit in God’s peace and ponder what God is putting in your heart. Then practice. Use the ideas and sparks of imagination that God ignites within you during your pondering to make a change, start something new, let go of something, or embrace people in a new way. See if this submission to God’s will brings you peace. As your peace increases, you will have more joy for the journey! Then you can sing out “I’ve got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart to stay…and I’m so happy so very happy, I’ve got the love of Jesus in my heart, and I’m so happy, so very happy, I’ve got the love of Jesus in my heart!” and then, “I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, down in my heart to stay…and I’m so happy, so very happy, I’ve got the love of Jesus in my heart, and I’m so happy, so very happy, I’ve got the love of Jesus in my heart!

**Opportunities for Action**

**JULY 2ND: Algoma UMC’s Welcome DS Coffee Hour** Please join us for our welcome DS coffee hour fellowship TODAY! We will gather in the AUMC Lounge immediately following the 10:15am worship service for good food and fellowship! Sue has already signed up to provide treats today. See you then!

**FREE SUMMER LUNCHES:** Are being served from the AUMC kitchen every Monday through Friday of the summer (except July 4) through August 25 from 11am to 1pm. If you would like to help, you can socialize in the fellowship hall with seniors who choose to eat here, or man the craft table for kids stopping by to pick up their lunches. Linda would also appreciate a delivery and a visit.

**MEN’S BREAKFAST:** All men are welcome to join us at the Captain’s Galley at 8am on Tuesday for breakfast and fellowship together.

**BACKPACKS:** Continue to be distributed each Thursday through the summer. If you would like to form a “Backpack Buddy” relationship with a family that receives supplemental food, please connect with Julie. Being a buddy does not need to cost you any money, it is an opportunity to leave a note of encouragement each week in the bag of groceries for the kids in that family.

**2023 BOOYAH SALE: THIS** Fri, July 7th & Sat, July 8th, 11am – 1pm.In the event of heavy rain (not mist or drizzle), we will sell from the kitchen instead of the traditional parking lot tent.  The bathrooms in the church building will be open and available to all. We need you to help promote in advance and help sell on either or both days.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** Meets in the AUMC fellowship hall every Sunday at 10:30am. If someone you love is struggling with addiction, please encourage them to try this group. And as they meet here, please provide them with respectful space to do their work together.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL:** Next meeting is Tuesday, July 25 at 6pm in the AUMC Lounge. All are always welcome to these business meetings of the church. Your voice, perspective, leadership, and service help us do the best ministry we can!

**Ministry Opportunity Schedule:**  **July 2-9**

**Sunday**

8:30 AM Worship Service West Kewaunee

10:15 AM Worship Service Algoma & Online

10:30 AM AA AUMC Fellowship Hall

11:30 AM Coffee Hour AUMC Lounge

**Monday**

11AM-1PM Free Summer Lunches AUMC Kitchen

**Tuesday Independence Day – Church Office Closed**

**Wednesday**

11AM-1PM Free Summer Lunches AUMC Kitchen

**Thursday**

8:30 AM – Noon Rhys’ Office Hours AUMC

9:00 AM Worship Sycamore Lodge

10:00 AM Women’s Coffee Circle AUMC Lounge

10:00 AM Backpack Food Distribution AUMC Kitchen

11AM-1PM Free Summer Lunches AUMC Kitchen

**Friday**

10:30-1:30PM Booyah Sale AUMC Parking Lot

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LET US PRAY . . . for those who are ill or desiring our prayers:

Rhys’ summer ministry internship; Bob B. & Sue’s engagement; Lisa recovering from surgery on a herniated disc in her neck; Andy; Jane D.; Rob; Wolf Den & Backpack kids; Dorothy; Izzy & Tammy; Tammy’s dog; Larry & Ann; Heather & Samuel; Lorraine; Cora; Ruth Wagner in a nursing home in Green Bay; Linda Kleindl; Pastor Jennifer & Matt’s journey to Costa Rica.