

OUR MISSION

To transform ourselves and the larger community by being a bright and welcoming sanctuary of hope, compassion, service, and understanding—allowing individuals of differing spiritual and religious beliefs to experience acceptance and support, a sense of belonging, and continued personal growth as part of a free-thinking, inclusive church community.

WELCOME

Today's service is led by members of the UU Wausau Natural Burial Committee: Linda Grilley, Joni Hahn, Randy Jefferson, Sarah Rudolph, and Stephen Schmidt. The Story for All Ages is provided by Jessica Zimmer, who is also on the committee. The worship associate is Karen Scharpf, and the music is provided by Louis Pradt on flute, and Margaret Jerz.

Listening devices are available to help the hearing impaired participate in the service; please ask an usher for assistance.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday, April 23, join us at 10:30AM for "Praise for the Sweetness," and our annual Spring Sing, led by the Rev. Suzanne Wasilczuk, and Music Director Margaret Jerz.

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CLERGY AND STAFF

The Reverend Suzanne Wasilczuk, *Preacher in Residence*

The Reverend Brian J. Mason, *Minister (on Sabbatical through April)*

Jes Zimmer, *Director of Religious Education*

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Margaret Jerz, *Music Director*

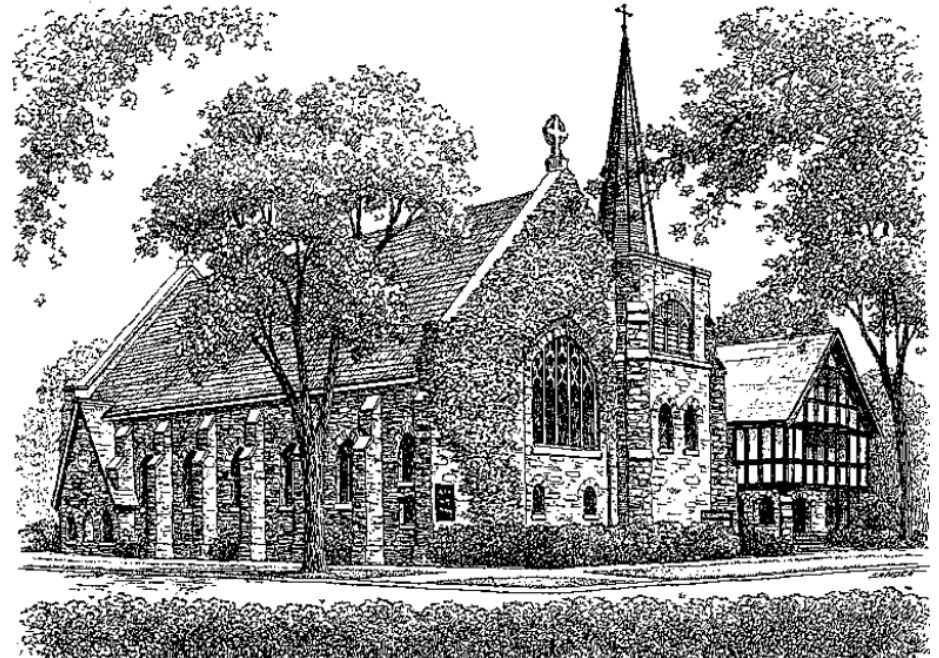
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 16, 2023
10:30 AM

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES WHEN ENTERING THE SANCTUARY OF THE CHURCH.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

BELLCHIME

PRELUDE

“Falling Gently”

Kathleen M. Basi

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE

**We light this chalice for the light of truth,
the warmth of love,
and the fire of commitment.
We light this symbol of our faith
as we gather together.”**

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN No. 389

“Gathered Here”

AFFIRMATION

**Love is the doctrine of this church:
The quest of truth is its sacrament,
And service is its prayer.
To dwell together in peace,
To seek knowledge in freedom,
To serve human need,
To the end that all souls shall grow
into harmony with the Divine—
Thus do we covenant with each other.**

STORY FOR ALL AGES

CHILDREN’S SONG

**May peace surround you,
May love surround you,
As you go, as you go,
As you go on your way. (Repeat)**

Juliana Nord

DIRTY CONVERSATIONS

OFFERTORY

“With Reflection”

Paul A. Tate

READING

from “Thanatopsis”

William Cullen Bryant

MEDITATION

MEDITATION HYMN NO. 123 (*sung by the congregation, seated*)

“Spirit of Life”

WHAT WE’VE BEEN UP TO:

Report from the Natural Burial Committee

READING

from “Smoke Gets in Your Eyes”

Caitlin Doughty

NATURAL BURIAL STORIES

CLOSING HYMN No. 175

“We Celebrate the Web of Life”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Chanson”

John Rutter