We welcome Sally Bowers as a presider at Sunday Assembly  Sally Bowers
Sally is an ordained pastor in the United Methodist Church since 1986. She worked
on the Southside of Chicago with Shalom Ministries & Urban Life Center addressing
poverty and educating young adults through justice experiential learning. She
served for 20 years in both rural pastoral ministries and director of a faith-based
poverty center in Northwest IL. She began her work on prairie restoration during
that time. In 2002 she moved to Madison & worked with vulnerable youth populat-
ions through Dane County Extension and then a chaplain with UW Hospital until
retirement in 2022. She lives in Madison with her husband, Howard Fenton, with a
love for prairie, hiking, and birds. They have two young adult daughters.

Gender Neutral Restrooms can be found in the Hospitality Room in the hallway
just after the coat racks.

Join Sunday Assembly! Have you been worshipping with us frequently over the
last few months? We hope that you’ve found a spiritual home with us and invite you
to consider becoming a member of Sunday Assembly. It’s simple. Yellow member-
ship forms can be found at the monastery entrance. Just fill it out and return in the
collection basket next Sunday or send by mail. Or sign-up through our website.

Cultivating a Sense of Place: The Practice of Contemplative Ecology - Retreat
August 18-20. Register by August 4. Reflections on a Contemplative Ecology-
Public Conversation, Sunday afternoon, August 20. Register by August 14. Dou-
glas E. Christie, scholar of ancient and contemporary Christian contemplative tradi-
tions, illuminates three of the monastery's charisms - contemplation, a strong sense
of place, and care for the earth. The RETREAT will renew the spirits of environ-
mental activists and contemplatives, ground us in this monastery on this prairie, and
support our special obligation of care for the earth. In the PUBLIC CONVERSA-
TION, Christie invites us to reach into the depths of our Christian tradition to reflect
together on the power of a contemplative ecology for our shared life together. For
more information and to register, see https://holywisdommonastery.org/experiences-
in-contemplative-ecology/.

Late Summer Prairie Wildflower Pop-Up Tour  August 8,10:00 am-12:00 noon.
Meet Sylvia Marek and Julie Melton at the parking lot kiosk. Learn about prairie
plants. Then take a self-guided walk on the prairie.

Today: Hospitality Sunday is cancelled

August 13- Kids On the Prairie  Join us to look for insects on the prairie. We'll
find pollinators, predators, and bugs just looking for a good meal. Meet at the Kiosk
at 10:30. All children and their adults are welcome. Registrations are appreciated.

Liturgical Ministers

President  Sally Bowers  
First Reading  Christine Pasinski Thomas  
Second Reading  Rita Emmenegger  
Homilist  Leora Weitzman  
Piano/Organ  Zach Ott  
Technology Assistant  Tony Gibart  
Sacristan  Marge Fersd

Greeters  Louise Johnson & Dick Russo, Bob Weiss  
Cantor  Sherri Hansen  
Communion Ministers  Mary Hoddy, Alan Joranlien, Joanna Kramer Fanney, Melissa Markquart

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Please silence your cell phone before worship begins.
Gathering Hymn  

God, Whose Purpose is to Kindle

While the earth awaits your burning, With your passion us inspire.  
Make us sense our share of failure, Our tranquility forgive.

Psalm 119

O God, I love your commands.

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

Following each reading:

Reader  The Word of Salvation  
All  Thanks be to God

A time of silent reflection follows each reading as we practice the Benedictine value of listening.

First Reading  

1 Kings 3:5-12

Prayer after Communion

Blessing & Dismissal

Recessional

Announcements
Breaking of the Bread

Presider

The bread which we break,
is it not communion in the body of Christ?
The cup of blessing which we share,
is it not communion in the blood of Christ?

All

So all of us are one body,
all who share the one bread and drink from the cup.

Communion Rite

Our Communion bread is gluten-free. All are welcome to receive Communion.

Come to any one of the locations in the room—at side exit, on the opposite side near the piano, or behind the altar.
The presider will offer the cup of wine behind the altar for those who wish to receive.

A time of silent reflection follows our sharing of Communion.

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-39

Gospel Acclamation


Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Before the Gospel,

Reader A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
All Glory to you, O Christ

Following the Gospel,

Reader The holy Gospel
All Praise to you, O Jesus Christ

Homily

General Intercessions Response: Loving God, hear our prayer.

Sign of Peace

Presentation of the Gifts

A basket is available on the table to receive your donations. Thank you for your generosity. The gifts of bread, wine and our offering are brought to the altar.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer IX for Ordinary Time
All join in proclaiming the Eucharist Prayer.
The Assembly parts are in bold.

Presider

May the Holy One be with you.
ALL And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
ALL We lift them up to our God.
Presider Let us give thanks to the God of all.
ALL It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Source of all goodness, we praise you and we bless you.
We are your children, bearing your image.
You have made us and we belong to you.
You do not hide from us.
You are not distant.
You have revealed yourself and your great love for us in all your wonderful works.
We see you in the strength of mountains,
the solitude of deserts,
and in gentle and refreshing rain.

We see you in the height of skies and ocean depths,
in birds that soar and fish that swim.
We see you in the hope of sunrise,
the relief and rest of sunset.
All your works proclaim your love.

Surrounded and protected by your care
we join all creation in praising your name:

Then he took the cup of wine, said the blessing,
and gave it to them saying:
“Take this, all of you, and drink.
This is the cup of my blood,
poured out for people everywhere for the reconciliation of all.
This is a new and everlasting covenant.
Do this in memory of me.”

Holy One, we thank you for Jesus’ life among us,
the example he has left us of how to live a life of love.
We gratefully recall his death,
and how he shows us a way to die to self and live for others.
We remember the hope we have in Jesus’ resurrection and ascension:
the hope of the seed that falls into the ground,
the hope of the grapes that yield to crushing,
the hope of nonviolent love that overcomes hatred,
the hope of new and fuller life.

O God, send forth your Spirit, the Spirit Jesus has promised,
upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine.

Help us rediscover the holiness of all creation
and see your divine presence in every person.
Strengthen us to work for justice and peace
and fill us with compassion and hope for tomorrow.
Remember our loved ones who have died and
give comfort to all who suffer.
We make our prayer to you, O God,
in the name of your Beloved, Jesus,
who is our hope.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ….. forever and ever.

The Prayer of Jesus
Holy One, our only Home, blessed be your name.
May your day dawn, your will be done, here, as in heaven.
Feed us today, and forgive us as we forgive each other.
Do not forsake us at the test, but deliver us from evil.
For the glory, the power, and the mercy are yours,
now and forever. Amen.