

United Methodist Women Sunday
Income Equality
Wisconsin Conference Mission Coordinators

***Prelude** *The United Methodist Hymnal*
We welcome all (see insert)

Announcements

Greeting and Welcome

United Methodist Women PURPOSE

The organized unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Call to Worship:

Leader: It's coming: the Kingdom of God is coming!
Let your Reign, O God, be acknowledged among all people.

People: **We stand on the threshold of truth.**
We are perched on the branches of justice.

Leader: Across the horizon we see the outline of peace and harmony.

People: **With privilege comes responsibility,**
With responsibility comes accountability,
With accountability comes honesty,
With honesty comes faithfulness,
God of Creation and history, equip us to live faithfully in your
Kingdom!

Leader: Let all that is within me praise His name.

People: **Let everything that grows, that swims, that flies, that walks, that**
breathes, praise God. Amen.

***Hymn** *The United Methodist Hymnal*
"Heralds of Christ" (# 567)

Children's time

Choir group (Special Music) Living in Christ with People (see attached) from the booklet "Ministry with the Poor: To Know God, Engage in Ministry with the Poor"

Prayers of the people, morning prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

***Offertory hymn** *The United Methodist Hymnal*
 "God of the Women" (see insert)

***Scripture readings:**

Message (Possible sermon topics):

1. Daniel in the Lion's Den: Living and Spending Faithfully in a Consumer Culture (See attached) Scripture is Daniel 1:8
2. What does the Bible say about income inequality? By Dr. Anne Bradley (see attached) Scripture is Genesis 1:26, 27 & I Corinthians 12:4-11
3. Ministry with the poor (see attached) From "To Know God Engage in Ministry with the Poor." Scriptures are Jeremiah 22: 1, 3, 13, 15-16; Jeremiah 7:1-7, 10-11; Luke 16: 19-31; Isaiah 1:2-3; Isaiah 58: 10-11; Matthew 22:34 – 40; 25:31-46; Luke 19:1-10

Leader: Send Us Forth for Justice: For Distributive Justice and the Fair Distribution of God's Resources

People: **The world's resources were created for all created beings. Since some are famished and others are lavished and others are lavished with more than they would ever require, there must be a problem with the equitable distribution of the world's resources. The message for us today is to "live simply that others may simply live."**

Leader: Send us Forth for Procedural Justice

People: **If more of us were exposed to the processes and procedures of our public affairs, might there be less temptation to misuse, mishandle, and misappropriate? Transparency enables us to judge more accurately. Let justice be experienced not only in fair distribution, but also in fair play by including more people in public processes.**

Leader: Send us Forth for Restorative Justice

People: **Restorative justice means restoring what evil in any form has taken away from us. In the early chapters of our lives, so much was taken away! Let chapter 42 of Job be ours now – the restoration of everything that was lost, double-fold! Let justice be experienced**

through righted wrongs and restoration of good things to all of God's people.

Leader: Send us Forth for Retributive Justice

People: **We do not pray for revenge; we ask for healing. Put your feet in one another's moccasins and pledge not to hurt any race, generation, or community for being who they are. Let justice be experienced in establishing respectful relationships with all of God's creation.**

***Hymn** *United Methodist Hymnal*
"Lord, You Give the Great Commission" (# 584)

Benediction

Open our hands, wounded Savior, into the hands of a hurting neighbor. For in their hands we together feel the healing touch of your pierced hands. Guide our feet to halls of power that we may speak the truth there. For it is in standing up with any who are marginalized that we stand with you. It is in embracing others in the work for justice that we are embraced by you. Amen.