

April 29, 2022

Dear Friends,

Sunday Worship Gatherings at 9 & 11 AM

Rick Hiemstra will be teaching from Matthew 14:22-33. We will travel through some historical background and the political and social forces at play as the disciples witness an astonishing event. Rick says, "This is the first sermon in a series on discipleship. When somebody talks about discipleship, usually what we're thinking about is some kind of lesson where we're sitting down around a table with Bibles or study guides. And usually, we think the discipleship is going to bring us closer to Jesus – and often it does. But in this passage, Jesus deliberately sends his disciples away from himself in order to teach them something."

In-Person Services at 9 & 11 AM:

[Please register here](#) for the service you will be attending. If you have registered and then find that you won't be attending, please go to your confirmation email and cancel your booking, or [contact the office](#). Because we are keeping our attendance numbers to 100 per service, this will make space for others.

Livestream Service at 11 AM:

[Join the livestream service here](#). When you click on the link above, this will launch the SWC Livestream homepage. From there you may need to click the "Videos" tab to access this Sunday's Livestream.

Here are the songs with lyrics linked:

[Days of Elijah](#), [Blessed Be Your Name](#), [Amazing Grace \(My Chains Are Gone\)](#), [We Fall Down](#), [Our God](#)

For Scripture readings, links, events, prayer focus and other news, [check out Sunday's bulletin](#).

[Click here](#) to send your prayer requests to the prayer team.

Sunday School

If you have children attending Sunday School (age 4 to Grade 6), please register them twice via the registration link above (for the service upstairs and then for Sunday School downstairs).

Summer Camp Scholarships

It's beginning to feel like spring and summer is just around the corner. Those of you with children and youth may already have your head wrapped around summer camps and others might not quite be there yet. Here at Sunnyside, we had a member who saw the value of Christian camps and wanted to support families in getting their kids to camp. The Doug Hardy Scholarship exists to help offset the cost of summer camp. [Access the application form here](#) and drop off or mail/email your completed form to the office. Applications will be received through May 9. Even if you are unsure if your child or youth will be attending camp this summer, apply anyway.

Membership Class

Pastor Jesse is offering a class for anyone who would like to become a member of Sunnyside Wesleyan Church, or simply wants to explore what membership is all about. The class will be held via Zoom this Wednesday, May 4 at 7 PM. Please [contact Pastor Jesse](#) if you're interested.

Church Campout

Our annual all-church campout at Silver Lake Wesleyan Camp is set for June 24-26. This is a fun time to get away, relax, recharge, and build relationships with others in our church family! The [registration form](#) allows you to indicate which dates you will attend and the type of accommodations and meal plan you wish. Carpooling is available. Please register by June 12; we will not be able to issue refunds after that deadline.

Can you help? We are looking for volunteers to help with check-ins on Friday night and to help oversee things on Saturday morning while our pastors are attending District Conference. For more info, talk to [Pastor Jesse](#).

Baptism: There will be a baptism service on the Sunday of the church campout, after lunch. If you are interested in being baptized, contact Pastor Jesse to arrange for a Baptism Preparation Class.

Is God bigger than the boogie man?

That question may not make much sense unless you've watched VeggieTales. If you have, the song is now stuck in your head for the weekend. You're welcome! If you haven't, [don't miss out!](#)

In 2019, [this blogger wrote](#) somewhat prophetically about our common experience with fear – before we really had something to be afraid of! "There seems to be a lot of fear in our world today. Fear is this strange emotion that doesn't go away until we feel safe. When people are fearful, there are two reactions: fight or flight. Both have dangerous tendencies." Then she draws us into our key passage for Sunday: Matthew 14.

Let us enter together into this discipleship moment where Jesus bids us, "Come."

Blessings,

Beth Fleming (for the whole team)