



# COMMUNITY CHURCH OF WALKER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*“No matter who you are, or where you are, you are welcome here!”*



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**CCOWUCC Update and News**  
**By Michael Small**  
**For The Week of: [July 8, 2024](#)**

**WORD FOR THE DAY**  
**- FROM GRATEFUL.ORG**

*“The world is a place where the extraordinary can sit just beside the ordinary with the thinnest of boundaries.” — JODI PICOULT*

### DAILY QUESTION

*What deepens my sense of belonging?*

You may subscribe to the daily “Word for the Day” by going to <https://grateful.org>.

### July 14<sup>th</sup> Gazebo Concert

#### Features The Golden Harbor Quartet

The Golden Harbor Quartet from Park Rapids will do “Old-time hymns” and music of faith on Sunday night. The Gazebo Concerts affords us the opportunity to connect with one another through the many gifts of music. Concerts will be outdoors weather permitting. If weather is inclement the concerts will be in the Good News Coffee area in the Fellowship Hall. Are all welcome. Free will offerings are taken for the performers.



Watch Concert by Clicking QR Code or go to [www.uccwalker.com](http://www.uccwalker.com)



#### 2024 Gazebo Schedule

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|-----------------|---------------------------|
| July 14, 2024   | Golden Harbor Quartet     |
| July 21, 2024   | After 5                   |
| July 27, 2024   | Charley and Mama Wags     |
| August 4, 2024  | Larry Kimball and Friends |
| August 11, 2024 | Steve Reiter              |
| August 18, 2024 | Abello                    |
| August 25, 2024 | Ryan Pels and Friends     |



**Sabbastian Wilson Webb**  
**Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup>**

- ❖ **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – July 7<sup>th</sup>** – The focus goes back to the “Powers of Deeds” of Jesus and how those powers and deeds are not received or accepted by family, friends, and the people of Jesus’ home town. Here Ryan Pels lead the congregation in music that lifts up the Fourth of July.



The service may be viewed on the church website [www.walkerucc.com](http://www.walkerucc.com) or by clicking on the QR code.

- ❖ **Prayers from United Church of Christ:** – “Loving God, we confess that sometimes we lose sight of hope in the face of trials. We allow fear and doubt to overshadow our faith. At times, we have not created the safe and brave spaces needed by our LGBTQIA+ siblings. Forgive us for our moments of weakness and for the times we failed to support others in their struggles. Renew our hearts, strengthen our resolve, and help us to embody Your love and hope. Transform us into beacons of persistence and resilience, shining Your light in the darkest places. Help us to stand with the marginalized and resist all forms of hate. Amen.” Rev. Derek Terry Program Director, Open and Affirming Coalition UCC Read other prayers by going to [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org).

- ❖ **June 14<sup>th</sup> 2024 Worship Information – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

- **Theme: Lawful, Righteous, Holy**

- **All readings for this Sunday:**

- 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 and Psalm 24 • Amos 7:7-15 and Psalm 85:8-13 • Ephesians 1:3-14 • Mark 6:14-29

- **Focus Prayer:** Holy God, fortify us in your righteous guidance that we may embrace your prophetic truth. Amen.

- **Focus Reading: Mark 6:14-29**

<sup>14</sup> Meanwhile Herod, the ruler of Judea, had heard about Jesus, whose reputation had become widespread. Some people were saying, “John the Baptizer has been raised from the dead, and that is why such miraculous powers are at work in him.” <sup>15</sup> Others said, “He is Elijah”; still others, “He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” <sup>16</sup> When Herod heard of Jesus, he exclaimed, “John, whom I beheaded, has risen from the dead!”

<sup>17</sup> Now it was Herod who had ordered John arrested, chained and imprisoned on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, whom Herod had married. <sup>18</sup> For John had told Herod, “It is against the Law for you to have your brother’s wife.” <sup>19</sup> As for Herodias, she was furious with John and wanted to kill him but was unable to do so. <sup>20</sup> Herod feared John, knowing him to be good and holy, and kept him in custody. When Herod heard John speak he was very much disturbed; yet he was moved by John’s words.

<sup>21</sup> Herodias had her chance one day when Herod on his birthday held a dinner for the court circle, military officers and leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup> When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, this delighted Herod and the guests so much that he told the young woman, “Ask me anything you like and I will give it to you.” <sup>23</sup> And Herod swore an oath, “I will give you anything you ask, even half of my entire realm!”

<sup>24</sup> She went out and said to her mother, “What should I ask for?” Herodias replied, “The head of John the Baptizer.”

<sup>25</sup> The woman hurried back to Herod and made her request: “I want you to give me the head of John the Baptizer on a platter.”





<sup>26</sup> Herod was deeply distressed by this request, but remembering the oath he swore before the guests, he was reluctant to break his oath to her. <sup>27</sup> So Herod immediately sent one of the bodyguards with orders to bring John's head. The guard beheaded John in prison, <sup>28</sup> then brought the head in on a platter and gave it to the young woman, who gave it to her mother.

<sup>29</sup> When John's disciples heard about this, they came and took the body away and laid it in a tomb.

• **Focus Questions:**

- What is truth?
- How do you understand the Law as part of God's redemptive plan for creation?
- What role do the Prophets play in God's redemptive plan?
- How do the Law and Prophets relate to each other? How are they distinct?
- How does the coming of Jesus in the world fulfill the message of the Law and the Prophets?

• **Special Music: The Chancel Choir**

• **Liturgist: Joanna Aamodt, Greeter: Bev Jorland**



❖ **Lunch Served by Women's Fellowship  
After Worship  
July 14<sup>th</sup>**

❖ **Book – Video Conversation on Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup>**

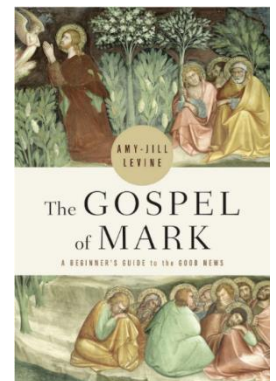
***The Gospel of Mark: A Beginner's Guide to the Good News***

By Amy-Jill Levine

**Discover the Good News in the Bible's earliest Gospel**

***Two Separate Gatherings for This Conversation***

***Light meal at 6:00 p.m. – Conversation at 6:30 p.m.***



<b>Sessions</b>	<b>Text</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Restoring Purity and Wholeness	Mark 5 – 7	7/10/2024	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Sacrifice, Ransom, Prophet, Messiah	Mark 8 – 10	7/17/2024	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.



**Bell Practice  
Wednesday  
July 10th  
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.**



❖ **CCOWUCC ANNUAL MEETING JULY 21<sup>ST</sup> FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

- ❖ **Church Council will meet** on **Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 pm. This meeting will be ***in-person and virtual via zoom***. Zoom access.



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89680314539?pwd=QTIUQ0dKR21JQ3JUMHNzZnRkZFF5UT09>

Meeting ID: 896 8031 4539, Passcode: 858735



❖ **Birthdays**

- 7/19 Ross Kolp
- 7/24 Lois Taylor
- 7/24 Kevin Wedell
- 7/26 Ryan Pels
- 7/29 Meryle O'Connor



❖ **Anniversaries**

- 7/12 Dick and Barb Brownlow
- 7/19 Ken and Sonja Huber

- ❖ **Information for bulletin** needs to be at the church by Tuesday morning [commchurchucc@arvig.net](mailto:commchurchucc@arvig.net).

- ❖ **A Reminder!!!** – current bulletins, Churchly Happenings, and **Good News, Good News** - our monthly newsletter, and the **Weekly Update** may be found on the church website – [www.uccwalker.com](http://www.uccwalker.com)

- ❖ **St. Mark's WELS meets at CCOWUCC** serving as a "Worship Station". They will continue to meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month between 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

- ❖ Addresses – You are invited to be in touch.

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- ❖ ***Democracy works best if we speak with one another. Whatever your opinion, I encourage each of you to be in contact with your representatives. Communicating is an on-going and two-way process of sharing gratitude and wisdom.***

***Below is listed state and national elected leadership for the Walker Area.***

***If you do not reside in the Walker area, go to <https://www.gis.lcc.mn.gov/iMaps/districts/> to obtain information on the elected state leadership for your location.***

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***Prayers and Blessings – Pastor Michael***