

WELCOME!

We are a friendly, active congregation, and you will find many ways to serve and grow here. Please sign the register found in your seat so that we may have a record of your presence. If you would like the church to contact you, please let a greeter know, or fill out a guest card and drop it in the offering plate.

SERVICE NOTES

Parents: To comply with our Safe Sanctuaries Policies, we ask that you accompany your children if they need to leave the Sanctuary for any reason.

A safe, loving, and fully staffed nursery for children age 3 and under is available in the Family Life Center, Room 1.

After the Children's Message, children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to Children's Church, located in the Family Life Center, Room 5. One of our capable volunteers will escort children to the room. At the conclusion of service, please pick up your child(ren) from the Family Life Center, Room 5.

Large print hymnals are available for your convenience.

Assistive listening devices are available at the sound booth.

Please ask an usher or greeter for any needed assistance.

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We are all ministers of the Gospel!

Rev. Elizabeth A. Gaines, Pastor
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Ms. Ela Gabitov, Accompanist
Mrs. Trisha Keen, Nursery Care

*Resources used from umdiscipleship.com, re.worship.com, ministrymatters.com,
The United Methodist Hymnal and The United Methodist Book of Worship.*

*Anthem: James Southbridge
Postlude: Daniel Iverson*

*Offertory: William H. Diane
Benediction: Peter C. Luttrell*



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**Enter to Worship.
Depart to Serve.**

Sunday, July 26, 2026

11:00 a.m. Worship

9th Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord --Romans 8:38-39**

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CHORAL CALL #579

Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved, this is the core of our faith: nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. **Thanks be to God!**

God's never-ending love surrounds us and calls us, assuring us that through God's love, all things will work together for God's good purposes. **Thanks be to God!**

God's never-breaking love empowers us in the face of temptation, distress, division, and scarcity to hold onto our faith and work together for the flourishing of all God's good creation. **Thanks be to God!**

Come, let us worship God who is Love, trusting that through joy and sorrow, happiness and despair, contentment and pain, Love will carry us through. **Thanks be to God who forms, connects, and guides us through Love.**

*OPENING PRAYER

God, your extravagant love has called us together. Long before we even knew you, you already knew us, and had chosen us to be part of your own family – sisters and brothers with our Lord Jesus Christ himself. What amazing love you have shown toward us! And so we come before you with praise and thanksgiving, offering you the worship of our hearts and lives, and opening ourselves to the prompting and leading of your Holy Spirit. Receive our worship – our praise and prayers and offerings – through the intercession of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. May the time we spend here in your presence bring honor and glory to your name. Amen.

*HYMN #405

Seek Ye First

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52⁺

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:26-39⁺

ANTHEM

You Raise Me Up

SERMON

Nothing Between

*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH #887

Affirmation from Romans 8

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

*PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN #373

Nothing Between

A SEASON OF PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Sun of My Soul

*DOXOLOGY #95

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*OFFERING PRAYER

Steadfast God, you search our hearts and know our needs even when we struggle to find the words. In your mercy, you strengthen us in our weakness and bind us together in love that cannot be broken. As we bring these gifts today, may they bear witness to your enduring promise: that nothing – not hardship, nor fear, nor even death itself – can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus. Bless these offerings, that they may bring hope to the weary, peace to the troubled, and joy to the hearts of your people. Through Christ, our Redeemer and Companion, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #124

Seek the Lord

*BLESSING

*BENEDICTION HYMN

A Closing Prayer

*POSTLUDE

* = You are invited to stand. **Bold** = All voices.
⁺New Revised Standard Version updated edition