

## 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!**



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The United Methodist Hymnal and The United Methodist Book of Worship.*

*Prelude: Lorie Line  
Postlude: UMH #139  
Anthem: Lloyd Larson  
Offertory: Lorie Line*



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

Sunday, August 30, 2026  
11:00 a.m. Worship

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.*  
— Romans 12:9-10+

WELCOME AND PRELUDE      *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CHORAL CALL #2166 TEWS      *Christ Beside Me*, verses 1-2

*Christ beside me, Christ before me,*

*Christ behind me, King of my heart;*

*Christ within me, Christ below me,*

*Christ above me never to part.*

*Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,*

*Christ all around me shield in the strife;*

*Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,*

*Christ in my rising light of my life.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

How shall we get along with one another in this world?

The Apostle Paul said that our love should be genuine. We should hate what is evil and hold fast to what is good.

We should honor one another with kindness and compassion.

We should always be strong in our enthusiasm to serve God.

Come, let us joyfully worship God in all that we do.

Let us praise God in our words, our thoughts, and our actions.

\*OPENING PRAYER

Surprising God, you have an uncomfortable habit of showing up where we least expect you: in a burning bush, in the face of an enemy, in a livestock feed trough, on a rough wooden cross. Turn our lives upside down with your radical love. Help us fully embrace your surprises, even as we revel in the joy of being fully embraced by your all-encompassing grace and mercy. We pray in the name of your most amazing surprise of all: your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

\*HYMN #117

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pour your Light, Holy Spirit of God, into our hearts and minds. Help us to know more clearly and grasp more fully the Good News of Jesus. And help us then know how to share it. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 16:21-28+

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:9-21+

### ANTHEM

*Be with Me, Lord*

### SERMON

Depends on You

\*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH #884

*A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church*

\*GLORIA PATRI #70

\*PASSING THE PEACE

\*HYMN #103

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

### PRAYERFUL SHARING

### PRAYING TOGETHER

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

### CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS

### OFFERTORY

*I Am Thine, O Lord*

\*DOXOLOGY #95

\*OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, you call ordinary people from unexpected places and send them into hard and holy work. Meet us now in these gifts we bring. Shape us by your presence that we may offer love that risks itself for the sake of others. Receive our offering as a sign that we trust you to go with us and that we are willing to follow Christ, even when the way is demanding. Use what we give to bring freedom, healing, and hope to your world. Amen.

\*HYMN #415

*Take Up Thy Cross*

\*BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION HYMN #431

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

\*POSTLUDE

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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