

2026
July 5



welcome
COMMUNITY
— UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Children's Chapel is offered during the school year and will resume this fall. In the meantime, children and families are always welcome in the Grace Space at the front of the sanctuary. Children are invited to come forward at any time during worship to enjoy quiet activities while remaining part of our worshipping community.

*Indicates to stand as you are able.

Words in bold invite a community response.

Listening devices and large print hymnals are available. An usher will happily assist you.

Prelude

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Michael Burkhardt

Welcome and Greeting

***Call to Worship**

We are your people O God.

We are also people of this land.

We seek to be good citizens of this country.

Help us this day to put our freedom in perspective. Remind us that our freedom does not mean we can do what we want.

Our freedom binds us to care for the stranger, do justice, and love those in need.

Touch our hearts in this time of worship that we may be united in our work as your servants of freedom bringing about a world of peace and compassion for all.

***Hymn**

How Firm a Foundation

UMH #529, vs. 1-3, 5

Opening Prayer:

We come today united not by blood, race or nationality but by love — a love that places the “you” and “we” above the “I” and “me.” A love so great it must originate from the source of all love. We, your people, O God, come seeking your love. A love more powerful than all our hurts, all our pain. A love that meets us where we are and calls us to more than we can imagine. A love that changes hearts, lives, and our world forever. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen

Scripture Lesson:

Romans 7: 15-25

Joseph Krechel

Special Music

Together

Hailey Smith & Michael Lee Bishop

Pastor Tim & Alyssa O'Brien

We drove for miles on this dusty road
I felt so lost and on my own with you. With you.

Life has had me up a creek
But I've been up here this entire week with you. With you.

But now I'm feeling a little better
And I think it comes down to a few small letters.

Lyrics continued on next page

(Chorus - 2X)
TOG to the E to the T
And then you add on HER and that's/we're together

Together keeps the bears far away off in their lairs
Together we are dry in the rain
Together here we are underneath this sky of stars
Together we share joy and pain.

(Chorus - 2X)
TOG to the E to the T
And then you add on HER and that's/we're together

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 11: 25-30
Pastor Tim O'Brien

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Message Being Free

***Hymn** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH #384, vs. 1, 2, 4

Prayers of the People
Sharing of our Joys and Concerns
Prayer

Ministry Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Freely, Freely* Carol Owens

***Offering Response** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, you invite all who are weary and burdened to come and find rest. Bless these gifts and use them for your work in the world: to lift heavy loads, to share mercy with the hurting, and to bring hope to those longing for freedom. Teach us to live as people released by your grace—to break chains, heal hurts, and bring real hope to our community. Let our giving—and our living—reflect the freedom and rest we find in Jesus. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Elise Eslinger
(after NICEA)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Congregation



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

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...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Congregation

Elise Eslinger



A - men, a - men a - men.

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

TFWS #2158

*Blessing and Sending Forth

May we go forward knowing that our freedom is not just about us.

We choose to love, to listen, and to serve.

Let us go to look for the hurting places in our world. Bring hope, fight for fairness, and love without conditions.

We will be the hands and feet of Jesus in our neighborhoods.

God goes with us, giving us the strength to make a real difference. Let's step forward in freedom to be the change the world needs this day. Amen.

Amen

*Blessing Response:

Draw the Circle Wide

(refrain) W&S #3154

Draw the cir - cle wide, draw it wid - er still. Let this
be our song: no one stands a-lone. Stand - ing side by side,
draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics. The second system covers the next two lines. The third system covers the final line of lyrics and ends with a double bar line.

You are invited
to join us for
fellowship and
refreshments at
The Connection!

***Postlude**

Amazing Grace (from Virginia Harmony)

arr. Cindy Berry

Monday – July 6th

- NO MDO Summer Camp
- Crosstown Harmony – 6:00pm – Revelation Room
- Greeting Card Ministry – 6:30pm – Disciple Room

Tuesday – July 7th

- NO MDO Summer Camp
- Safety Village – Edu Wing
- Chair Yoga – 2:30pm – Wellness Center
- Praise Team Rehearsal – 7:30pm - Sanctuary

Wednesday – July 8th

- NO MDO Summer Camp
- Safety Village – Edu Wing
- Ikebana – 10:00am – Fellowship Hall

Thursday – July 9th

- NO MDO Summer Camp
- Safety Village – Edu Wing
- Gentle Mat Yoga – 10:00am – Wellness Center
- Jungle Crew Worknight – 5:00pm – Lower Level
- AA Men’s Group – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

Friday – July 10th (Pastor Tim’s Sabbath)

- Safety Village – Edu Wing
- Elm Grove School Board Meeting – 2:00pm – Disciple Room

Sunday – July 12th

- Sunday Service – 9:30am – Sanctuary
- Connection – 10:30am – Rev Room
- Journey – 10:45am – Disciple Room
- Safe Sanctuaries Training – 10:45am – Fellowship Hall

**Quarterly Mission Partner/Loose Coin Offering:
The Gathering of Southeastern Wisconsin**

Hospitality Team for Next Sunday - 07.12.26

Front Door: Darrel White

West Door: Ann Walker

Narthex: Dianna Haugh

Ushers: Dianne White, Darrel White, Joni McDevitt, Tom Raley

Connection: Linda Irwin & Judy Down

Liturgist: Marianne Ludwick

SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM

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| Tom Twinem | • | Dean Johnson |
| Christian Fuller | • | Sheryl Cavan |
| Candace Kral | • | Tom Raley |
| Jeff Turmel | • | Tom Connor |

CHURCH STAFF

- Rev. Timothy O'Brien
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