

2026
July 26

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.



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- UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ELM GROVE, WISCONSIN EST: 1949

Gathering Music

Widmung (Dedication)

Robert Schumann

Welcome and Greeting

***Call to Worship**

Come, all who dwell beneath the sheltering sky; come with reverence for the earth God has made.

We come to worship the Creator, whose wisdom sings through every living thing.

The eagle watches from the heights, the wolf keeps faith with the pack, the bee tends the flowering field, and the whale carries ancient songs through the deep.

They are not ornaments of the world, but our neighbors in the household of God.

The animals of sky, sea, and land remind us to guard what is fragile, to restore what is wounded, and to live within the rhythms of grace.

Teach us, O God, to listen to the wisdom of fur and feather, fin and wing, hoof and paw.

When the sparrow finds a home, when the deer moves softly through the forest, when the salmon returns upstream, creation bears witness to your covenant of life.

We give thanks for every creature that keeps watch, keeps balance, and keeps praise alive in the world.

With humble hearts and willing hands, we will honor the guardians of creation and join their praise.

Let us gather to worship with our eyes open to the holiness of the world, our ears open to the voices of your creatures, and our hands open to care for the earth.

***Hymn**

All Creatures of Our God and King

UMH #62, vs. 1-4

Opening Prayer:

Creator God, we thank you for the earth, the waters, the skies, and the creatures who share this sacred home. Teach us to learn from their wisdom, to protect what is fragile, and to live with humility, wonder, and appreciation. May our worship deepen our love for all creation and strengthen our commitment to its healing. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lesson:

Psalm 104: 14-24

Tom Twinem

Special Music

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Y'all Come Choir

arr. Mark Hayes

Come, thou fount of every blessing;
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise his name! I'm fixed upon it,
Name of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Bought me with his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart; O take and seal it;
Seal it for thy courts above.

Scripture Lesson:

Luke 12: 22-28
Pastor Tim O'Brien

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

Message

Wild Kingdom: Guardians of Creation

*Hymn

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

UMH #122, vs. 1, 4-6

Prayers of the People

Sharing of our Joys and Concerns
Prayer

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.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, an - swer me. O

Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.

Ministry Moment**Invitation to the Offering****Offertory***How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Stuart Townend

Offering ResponsePraise 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 Creator, receive these gifts as signs of our love for you and our care for the world you have made. Bless them for the healing of creation, the protection of vulnerable life, and the flourishing of all your creatures. May what we offer today become part of your work of renewal. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HymnThe Friendly Beasts*

UMH #227, vs. 1-3, 5

***Blessing & Sending Forth**

Let us go, attentive to the wisdom of creation.

We go listening to the voices of all the creatures around us as we walk gently upon the earth.

May the Creator who formed the eagle, the bee, the whale, and the sparrow guide our steps with humility and wonder.

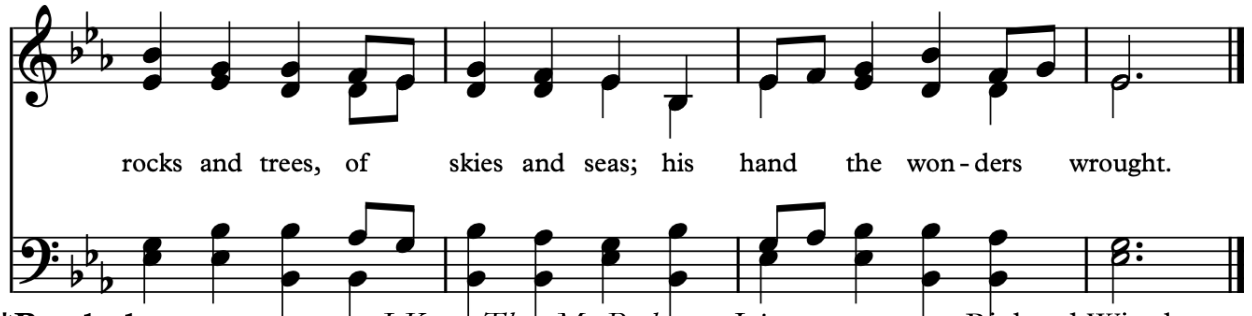
We go to honor every creature as neighbor and protect what is fragile.

Let us go with courage to join the healing work of God's creation. Amen.

Amen.

***Blessing Response:** *This Is My Father's World*

UMH #144, Refrain (v. 1)



***Postlude**

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Richard Wienhorst

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

You're Invited!

RALLY Day!

ONE DAY. MANY MINISTRIES. ONE COMMUNITY. ♥

LEARN

FUN

FOOD

CONNECT

Potluck - Let's eat together!
BRING A DISH TO SHARE AND ENJOY A MEAL TOGETHER AS WE CELEBRATE THE START OF A NEW SEASON AT COMMUNITY UMC.
PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO SIGN UP! ♥

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
After the 9:30 AM Service
Let's Rally Together! ♥

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All ages. All areas.
All belong.*

FUN FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!

REGISTER NOW BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

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AUGUST 10-14, 2026
9 A.M. TO NOON
KIDS ENTERING K-5TH GRADE

EXPLORING THE NATURE OF GOD

INCREDIBLE ADVENTURES

WILD MUSIC & GAMES

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Pray for the guests, volunteers,
and staff who serve every day.
Pray for continued strength,
resources, and open hearts.



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Your financial gifts help provide
meals, essential resources, and
hope to our neighbors in need.



Serve

Volunteer opportunities are available
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Every meal. Every guest. Every day. ♥

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A RELAXED, OUTDOOR SERVICE
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GREAT MUSIC | INSPIRING MESSAGE | COMMUNITY

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST

6:00 PM

Come enjoy something new.

Everyone is welcome!



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*Nourishing our community.
Growing together.* ♥

July NEEDS



• **BREAKFAST:**
CEREAL, INSTANT
OATMEAL, GRITS,
GRANOLA, ETC.



• **HYGIENE ITEMS:**
TOILET PAPER,
TOOTH PASTE,
BAR SOAP,
TOOTHBRUSHES
(INDIVIDUALLY
WRAPPED),
AND DEODORANT



• **LUNCH AND DINNER:**
CANNED SOUP, MAC
'N CHEESE, RICE A
RONI, ETC., AND
CANNED MEAT
(CHICKEN, TUNA,
AND SALMON)



• **EXTRAS:**
SALAD DRESSING,
SEASONING,
HOT SAUCE,
COOKING OIL,
PASTA SAUCE

♥ Thank you for helping us **ROOT HOPE.** ♥



Monday – July 27th

- MDO – Edu Wing & Revelation Room
- Crosstown Harmony – 6:00pm – Revelation Room

Tuesday – July 21st

- MDO – Edu Wing & Revelation Room
- Savvy Caregivers – 10:00am – Disciple Room
- Chair Yoga – 2:30pm – Wellness Center
- Praise Team Rehearsal – 7:30pm - Sanctuary

Wednesday – July 29th

- MDO – Edu Wing & Revelation Room

Thursday – July 30th

- MDO – Edu Wing & Revelation Room
- Tai Chi – 10:00am – Fellowship Hall
- Gentle Mat Yoga – 10:00am – Wellness Center
- VBS Decorating – 6:00pm - Wellness Center
- AA Men's Group – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

Friday – July 31st (Pastor Tim's Sabbath)

Sunday – August 2nd

- Sunday Service – 9:30am – Sanctuary
- Connection – 10:30am – Revelation Room
- Journey – 10:45am – Disciple Room

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

Hospitality Team for Next Sunday - 08.02.26

Front Door: Darrel White

West Door: Ann Walker

Narthex: Dianna Haugh

Ushers: Darrel White, Dianne White, Marianne Ludwick, Anne Harberg

Connection: Jeff & Kim Turmel

Liturgist: Sheryl Cavan

Communion Stewards: Jeff Turmel, Kim Turmel, Sheryl Cavan

SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM

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

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Timothy O'Brien
 Chriss Stump – Church Manager
 Danielle Bridges – Director of Music
 Tyler Walters – Praise Team Director
 Sarah Kwon – Organist/Pianist
 Jim Ausprung – Maintenance
 Tracey Magyar – MDO Director
 Amanda Glassman – MDO Asst Director

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Monday-Thursday:
 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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 of people who love God
 and neighbor through
 a focus on Intergenerational
 Community Service and
 Overall Health and Wellbeing.

