

2026
August 9

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.



welcome

COMMUNITY

— UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ELM GROVE, WISCONSIN EST: 1949

Gathering Music

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. John Carlson

Welcome and Greeting

*Call to Worship

People of God, let us gather by the river of life.

Let us wade into the waters of love;

Here, find the renewing streams of mercy.

Here, taste the wonder of God's goodness.

Feel the river of life flowing around us;

Soaking us in grace, bathing us in endless hope, and calling us to sing our prayers and praise.

*Congregational Song *Shall We Gather at the River*

UMH #723

Opening Prayer:

Gracious God, you are the source from which all waters flows — the spring beneath the soil, the rain that fills the creek beds, the slow, patient rivers that have carved this land long before we arrived to name it. As we come to worship, let your grace move through us the way water moves through everything living: softening what has hardened, nourishing what has gone thirsty, teaching us to tend these waters not as owners, but as neighbors. For your grace is like a river that never runs dry — patient, persistent, always finding its way back to us. In the name of Christ, living water for a thirsty world, Amen.

Scripture Lesson:

Revelation 22: 1-5

Tom Twinem

Special Music

Down in the River to Pray

arr. Brad Salzwedel

Praise Team

As I went down in the river to pray,
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown,
Good Lord, show me the way.

Refrain

O *sisters, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down.
Come on, sisters, let's go down,
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray,
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown,
Good Lord, show me the way.

Refrain

*brothers, mothers, fathers

Scripture Lesson:

Matthew 10: 40-42

Pastor Tim O'Brien

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

Message

Wild Kingdom: Rivers of Grace

***Congregational Song**

Wade in the Water

TFWS #2107

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.

Prayer Response

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

TFWS #2200

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first two lines of the prayer response, and the second system contains the next two lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

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.

Praise Team

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
Praise him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er been
Grant in what he ordaineth?

Hallelujah!

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If in his love he befriend Thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
Gladly for aye we adore him.

Hallelujah!

Ministry Moment**Invitation to the Offering****Offertory*****Offering Response***Give Thanks*

TFWS #2036

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks (give thanks), give thanks.

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of still ponds and rushing rivers, you don't need our offering to sustain your grace — your grace flows freely, without any effort of ours. And yet you invite us into the current anyway, to be part of what you're doing in this church and in this world. So, we release these gifts into your hands, trusting you to carry them where they need to go. May what we've given become nourishment for someone we'll never meet. May it become grace for someone who needs it more than we do this morning. Bless these offerings and use them and us for this greater work. In Jesus's name we pray, Amen.

Congregational HymnI've Got Peace Like a River*

TFWS #2145

*Blessing & Sending Forth

Let us go, the way water leaves a spring —

moving outward, giving life wherever it travels.

As rivers give themselves to the sea without hesitation,

may we give ourselves to the world without fear.

As still ponds hold space for what is fragile,

may we hold space for those who are weary.

As lakes reflect the sky above them,

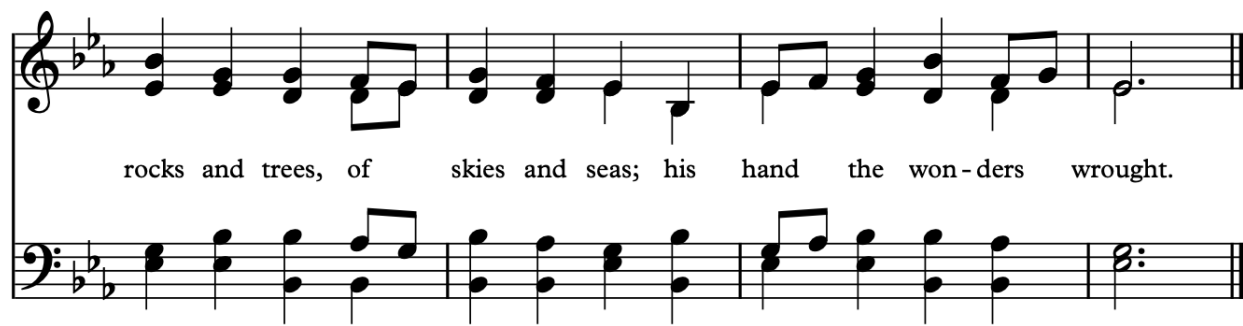
may we reflect the love that has been shown to us.

Go in peace, knowing that grace flows ahead of us, beside us, and after us — a current that never runs dry. Amen.

Amen.

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

UMH #144, Refrain (v. 1)



*Postlude

Shall We Gather at the River

Robert Lowry

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



COME SEE WHAT MAKES COMMUNITY UMC SPECIAL!
*All are welcome!
All ages. All areas.
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FUN FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES! ♥

Gem and a Jewel



Zentangle Ministry

Join us for our next Zentangle® session as we create a Zentangle tile featuring a beautiful gem as the centerpiece.

Welcome... Create ... Meditate ... Connect



DATE: Wednesday, August 19



TIME: 9:30 – 11:30 am



LOCATION: CUMC Disciple Room



COST: Free for the CUMC family;
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TIME
10:30 AM



DATE
SATURDAY
8/22



COST
\$15
1 HOUR





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SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 9:30 AM

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Monday – August 10th

- VBS – Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Wellness Rooms
- Hope Center Clothing Sort – 1:00pm – Hope Center
- OWLS Program Meeting – 1:00pm – Disciple Room
- Crosstown Harmony – 6:00pm – Revelation Room

Tuesday – August 11th

- VBS – Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Wellness Rooms
- Savvy Caregivers – 10:00am – Disciple Room
- Chair Yoga – 2:30pm – Revelation Room (Disciple Room/Inclement Weather)
- Praise Team Rehearsal – 7:30pm - Sanctuary

Wednesday – August 12th

- VBS – Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Wellness Rooms

Thursday – August 13th

- VBS – Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Wellness Rooms
- Tai Chi – 10:00am – Revelation Room
- Gentle Mat Yoga – 10:00am – Hearth Room
- AA Men's Group – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

Friday – August 14th

- VBS – Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Wellness Rooms

Sunday – August 16th - Kathy's House Cookie Drop

- Sunday Service – 9:30am – WAFFLE CHURCH

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

Hospitality Team for Sunday - 08.16.26 WAFFLE CHURCH

Greeters: Tom & Carita Twinem

Liturgist: Marianne Ludwick

During VBS (9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.), visitors will not be buzzed in, and only approved VBS volunteers may access the lower level.

OWLS reservations may be placed in the drop box outside.

Thank you for understanding. Regular office hours resume daily from **1:00–5:00 p.m.**

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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Friday: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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