

2026
August 23

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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COMMUNITY

— UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Gathering Music

Change My Heart, O God

Eddie Espinosa

Welcome and Greeting

***Call to Worship**

Who is your neighbor?

Our neighbors include strangers abandoned and feared by society.

How are we to treat our neighbors?

Treat them as we want to be treated. Love them as we love ourselves.

How do we show this love?

We love when we engage, accept, encourage, and provide for another despite the cost to us.

***Congregational Song** *The Summons*

TFWS #2130

Opening Prayer:

God of all, we come this morning to greet our friends, sing together, pray for one another and listen to your Word. We come to be comforted and informed. May our worship also challenge our thinking, transform our expectations and guide us to a life more aligned with Jesus' teachings and example. May your Spirit fill us with the grace to live as true disciples of the Gospel and servants who bless all of creation through our presence and action. Help us to see you in the faces of all whom we encounter and to love them just as we strive to love you. We pray this in the name of the One who came to save us from ourselves. Amen.

Scripture Lesson:

Romans 12: 1-8

Kathy Hartke

Special Music

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

Martin Smith

Praise Team

Over the mountains and the sea,
Your river runs with love for me;
And I will open up my heart
And let the Healer set me free.

I'm happy to be in the truth,
And I will daily lift my hands;
For I will always sing
Of when your love came down.

I could sing of your love forever.

Scripture Lesson:

John 4:4-19
Pastor Ron Kral

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

Message

Hello in There

***Congregational Song** *Change My Heart, O God*

TFWS #2152

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

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

The first system of musical notation for the Prayer Response song. It consists of a treble and a bass staff, both in 4/4 time and key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staffs.

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

The second system of musical notation for the Prayer Response song. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the staffs.

Special Music

Refiner's Fire
Praise Team

Brian Doerksen

Purify my heart,
Let me be as gold
And precious silver.
Purify my heart,
Let me be as gold,
Pure gold.

Lyrics continued next page

Refrain

Refiner's fire,
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy;
Set apart for you, Lord.
I choose to be holy,
Set apart for you, my master,
Ready to do your will.

Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy.
Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from my sin
Deep within.

Refrain

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**

Loving God, we give you thanks for opportunities to live meaningful lives. For those moments when we are able to provide acceptance, joy, encouragement, and support to those who are wounded by the roadside, lonely by the well, facing trials without hope or suffering illness without relief. Bless our offerings in whatever form they take so that your kingdom may flourish on earth as it does in heaven. Amen.

***Congregational Hymn** *Here I Am, Lord*

UMH #593

***Blessing & Sending Forth**

Go with the peace of Christ.

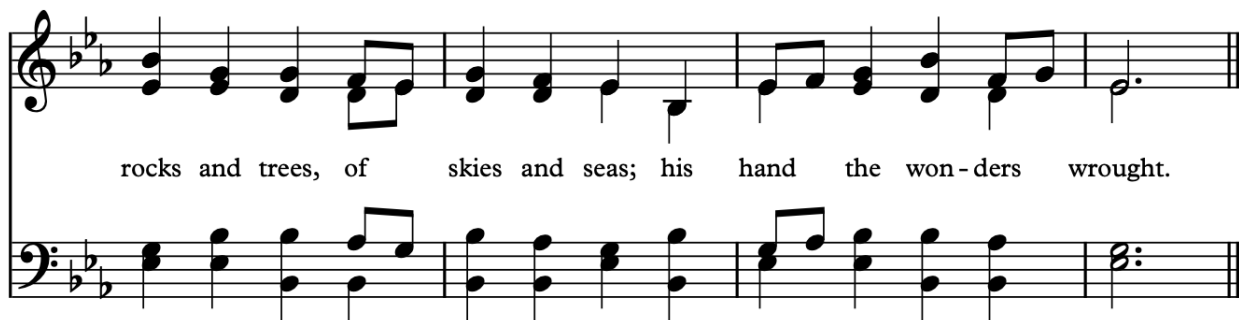
We leave this place to be as Christ to others.

Go to touch the lives of those who feel untouchable, accept those who believe they are unacceptable, bring joy to those whose lives lack enjoyment, love all who are convinced that they are unlovable.

We leave this place to live as the means of God's grace in a troubled world.

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

UMH #144, Refrain (v. 1)



***Postlude** *I Could Sing of Your Love Forever*

Martin Smith

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

The Card Ministry

SEPTEMBER 14th



6:30 – 8:00 PM



DISCIPLE ROOM

Sew Together

THE COMMUNITY QUILTING & SEWING GROUP



NEXT MEETING:
SEPTEMBER 15



10:00 AM



DISCIPLE ROOM

RALLY Day!

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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REPRESENT A GROUP OR MINISTRY

Want a spot at Rally Day?

Call the church office to register your group.

Set up a table, share what you do, and invite others to get involved!



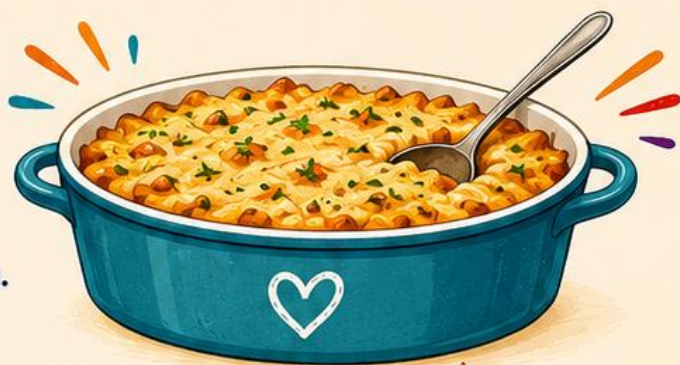
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BRING SOMETHING FOR THE POTLUCK

It wouldn't be a United Methodist gathering without a potluck!

Call the church office and let us know what you'll be bringing.

Then bring a dish to share and come hungry!



3

JUST COME & ENJOY!

You don't have to represent a group or bring a dish to join the fun.

Everyone is welcome!

Enjoy food, bouncy houses, lawn games, fellowship, and discover all the groups and ministries that make Community UMC such a vibrant community.



ONE DAY. MANY MINISTRIES. ONE COMMUNITY.

*There's a place for **YOU** at Rally Day!*



Monday – August 24th **Office Open 8:00am - Noon**

- Crosstown Harmony – 6:00pm – Revelation Room

Tuesday – August 25th **Office Open 8:00am - Noon**

- Stephen Ministry – 9:00am - Library
- Savvy Caregivers – 10:00am – Disciple Room
- Chair Yoga – 2:30pm – Front Wellness/Youth
- Physical Health Team Meeting – 6:00pm

Wednesday – August 26th **Office Open 8:00am - Noon**

Thursday – August 27th **Office Open 8:00am - Noon**

- Tai Chi – 10:00am – Fellowship Hall
- Yoga – 10:00am – Front Wellness/Youth
- AA Men's Group – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

Friday – August 28th (Pastor Tim's Sabbath) **Office Open 8:00am - Noon**

Sunday – August 30th

- 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 Sunday - 08.30.26

Front Door: Jim Sargent

West Door: Ann Walker

Narthex: Diane Sargent

Ushers: Darrel White, Tom Raley, Marianne Ludwick, Dianne White

Connection: Linda Irwin & Judy Down

Liturgist: Jeff Turmel

While Chriss is away, we are grateful to have wonderful volunteers helping in the office! Please know that **office services will be limited**, and our volunteers may not have access to all the resources or information you need. If your request can wait, we encourage you to connect with Chriss when she returns. Thank you for your patience and kindness!

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

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Jim Ausprung – Maintenance

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8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

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.