

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Jackie Farmer, Worship Leader

PRELUDE *You Are Near* DAN SCHUTTE

\*UNITY HYMN (*\*stand as we are able*) AURELIA

**In Unity, we gather to worship and rejoice.  
From our own faith traditions, we pray with one strong voice:  
Lord, help us love each other and serve all those in need,  
and live as your disciples – in heart and word and deed.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today in the midst of busy lives and hectic schedules  
that mirror the chaotic pace of the world around us.

**We come to set our minds on the guidance of the Spirit.**

We gather as people inundated with constant information,  
fast-moving news cycles, and ever-present alerts vying for our attention.

**We come to set our minds on the guidance of the Spirit.**

We gather as people seeking to anchor ourselves in the faith  
as the world around us is blown to and fro by waves  
of fear, scarcity, and reactivity.

**We come to set our minds on the guidance of the Spirit.**

Beloved, come. Come to find rest, grounding, and guidance  
in the Spirit who dwells in you.

**We come to set our minds on the Spirit who guides us and  
draws us together toward life, peace, and flourishing. Amen**

\*HYMN – No. 139 UMH *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERRN

\*PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Loving God, you created life in us and all around us.

Open us to receive your gifts from your world and your word,  
that we may not just be hearers of the word, but doers also. **Amen.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

**And also with you!**

*(Let us offer each other signs of peace and reconciliation.)*

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Katie Seager, Reader

God, your word goes out and does not return empty-handed.

By your Spirit, open our minds to your word this day,  
so that we might walk according to your ways;  
for the sake of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Genesis 25:16-34; Romans 8:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN – No. 534 UMH *Be Still, My Soul* FINLANDIA

\*SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 Pastor Kenny Rigoulot

This is the good news which we have received,  
in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE: “Strengthening Roots, Stretching Branches”

\*APOSTLES' CREED – No. 881 UMH

\*HYMN – No. 600 UMH *Wonderful Words of Life* WORDS OF LIFE

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER – No. 894 UMH

OFFERTORY

In gratitude and faith, we offer our gifts. Please place tithes and offerings in one of the designated offering plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.

\*THE DOXOLOGY – No. 95 UMH

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD 100TH

THANKSGIVING

\*HYMN – No. 664 UMH *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

THE ASH GROVE

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *Improvisation on "Now Thank We All Our God"*

NUN DANKET

THE LORD'S DAY

The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.  
I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments.  
I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O Lord, according unto thy word.  
Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord,  
and teach me thy judgments. Psalm 109:105-108*



**St. Andrew**

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



**Community**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Worshipping together, through Christ,  
we are made one with God.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome friends! May the welcome you feel here be worthy of the gracious God that we serve. In this service, an asterisk (\*) invites you to stand as health allows. Material printed in bold is for the congregation to sing or say. Let us worship God!

Today, we welcome to the pulpit Pastor Kenny Rigoulot, Executive Director of Development and Spiritual Formation at Camp Gilmont. Pastor Rigoulot is an ordained Presbyterian minister and loves preaching, teaching, pastoring, worshiping, and having fun with people of all ages.

Meals with Love volunteers will be delivering nutritious meals to the elderly, disabled, and shut-ins on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, providing personal contact, warm affirmation, fellowship, and friendship with each delivery.

The Wednesday Night Live menu on July 15 features Chicken Fajitas, a side salad, dessert, and a beverage. The cost is \$10 for adults, with reduced prices for children. Please RSVP by 11:30 p.m. Monday on the website, sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex on Sunday, email the office, or call the office Monday before 4:00 pm.

Feeding our Firefighters: Once a month, we feed all three of the 7-person crews at Station 6 on McCann Rd. Our July theme is Main Dishes! We still need deliveries on Wed. 7/29 & Fri. 7/31 afternoons. Please contact Rose Briggs (903-238-6463 [rosebriggs07@gmail.com](mailto:rosebriggs07@gmail.com)) or Katy Manck (903-918-1154 [katyoo@gmail.com](mailto:katyoo@gmail.com)) to sign up or ask questions.

Grace Presbytery's second seminar is July 23rd, 6-7:30 pm, via Zoom. This is our presbytery at work, engaging congregations and informing them of issues impacting our neighbors. Please sign up here:  
<https://gracepresbytery.org/event/housing-webinar-caring-for-and-housing-our-unsheltered-neighbors/>