

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judy Haley, Worship Leader

PRELUDE

*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

Family of God, we gather today to unite our voices and
our lives in praise to God.

How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

We gather to celebrate how God binds us together
to live, work, play, and rest as the Body of Christ!

How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

We gather to remember how God has worked through us
to share Christ's love with one another and our neighbors through
our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

Family of God, today we come as diverse and unique members
of the Body of Christ to learn and grow not in uniformity
but in unity to love God, self, neighbor, and all creation.

How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*HYMN – No. 548 UMH *In Christ There is No East or West*

McKEE

*PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Maker of Our Days, you created each of us unique beings with differing
strengths and weaknesses. Help us not only to use our strengths to assist
others but also to allow others to use their strengths to meet our weaknesses.

**Restorer of Our Souls, You have seen the parched places we have
made in our lives, along with the devastation thrust upon us by the
action or inaction of others. Meet us in the places of our deepest pain
so that our facades of self-sufficiency might fall away, and we might be
drawn into right relationship with you and one another.**

Breath of Our Lives, without you, we are but a mound of clay. Fill us with
your presence, invigorate our worship, set us on fire so that others might be
drawn into your light and nurtured by the warmth of your loving care. **Amen**

*HYMN – No. 70 UMH *Gloria Patri*

GLORIA PATRI

*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

Sondra Allen, Reader

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out
upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in
Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that
pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Genesis 45:1-15; Romans 11:1-2a; 29-32

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN – No. 121 UMH *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

WELLESLEY

*SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 15:21-28

Pastor Stanley Larson

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we are saved. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE:

A STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE KOREAN METHODIST CHURCH –
No. 884 UMH

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER – No. 894 UMH

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are all Yours
now and forever. Amen**

OFFERTORY

Glorious God, you pour your blessing upon your people like dew upon the earth and oil upon the head, flowing beyond all boundaries we would draw. We thank you for the gift of unity, good and pleasant, beautiful and life-giving, meant not only for us, but for the healing of the world. Receive these offerings as signs of our desire to live together in your love, to practice radical welcome, and to share your abundance with all your children. Let what we give today flow outward in compassion and service, that our life together may reflect your kingdom of peace, justice, and joy. **Amen**
(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. 378 UMH

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

THE LORD’S DAY

The 12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!
It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard,
even Aaron’s beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;
as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion:
for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.
Psalm 133:1-3*



St. Andrew

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



Community

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*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!

Please welcome Ga-Young Park, Assistant Professor of Music at ETBU. She will be filling in for Bill Holda while he is gone. Mrs. Park will be here this Sunday and next Sunday. Please stop by to introduce yourself and welcome her and her husband, Matt McKinnon.

The **Wednesday Night Live** menu on August 19th features **Hamburger steak**, mashed potatoes & green beans, 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.

Session will be meeting Tuesday, August 18 @ 4:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study will be meeting on Tuesday, August 25 @ 10:30 a.m.

Newgate Mission Breakfast will be on Saturday, August 29th @ 7:00 a.m., and we need volunteers to cook and serve. Please get in touch with Steve Crane @ 903.452.2925 if you can volunteer for this wonderful event.

CPS Hygiene Bags CPS called Sondra requesting additional hygiene bags for younger children. We need travel-size supplies for 40 bags by Sept. 9th:

- shampoo,
- conditioner,
- toothbrushes,
- toothpaste
- deodorant.

Please bring it to the Gathering Place room in the upper hallway.