

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Katy Manck, Worship Leader

PRELUDE *Take Up Your Cross* O WALY WALY

*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

Sometimes God calls us through burning bushes,
telling us to go free a whole people despite our insecurities and fears.

God, help us accept Your call on our lives.

Sometimes God calls us, and we don't understand the full meaning
of the call, the ways our families, friends, and communities
may resist the good news and us as messengers of it.

God, help us accept Your call on our lives.

Sometimes God calls us to a path that is harder than we think we can handle,
asking us to trust that God will provide what we need.

God, help us accept your call on our lives.

Beloved, God's call takes many forms.

Sometimes it feels as natural as breathing,
and sometimes we want to run as far as we can.

But take assurance in this: You are not alone. God is with us,
and God's call can be trusted,
because no matter where it leads, God is there.

**God, help us accept your call on our lives and to trust that what
you equip us to do is what you call us to do as members
of the Body of Christ. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*HYMN – No. 110 UMH *A Mighty Fortress is our God* EIN' FESTE BURG

*PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Pour Your light, Holy Spirit of God, into our hearts and minds.

Help us to know more clearly and grasp more fully

the Good News of Jesus. And help us then to know how to share it.

**We ask this through Jesus Christ, who with You and the Father,
are One God. 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 Alan Peters, Reader

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with your most gracious favor,
and further us with your continual help, that in all our works, begun,
continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name and finally,
by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Exodus 3:1-15; Romans 12:9-21

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN – No. 632 UMH *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* UNION SEMINARY

*SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 16:21-28 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:

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

Holy God, you call ordinary people from unexpected places and send them into hard and holy work. As you met Moses in the fire that did not consume, and as you met Peter on the road of costly discipleship, meet us now in these gifts we bring. Shape us by your presence, not by fear; by service, not by power; by love that risks itself for the sake of others. Receive our offering as a sign that we trust your “I AM” to go with us and that we are willing to follow Christ, even when the way is demanding. Use what we give to bring freedom, healing, and hope to your world. **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

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THANKSGIVING

*HYMN – No. 580 UMH

Lead on, O King Eternal

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Improvisation on “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”*

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THE LORD'S DAY

The 14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026

*O give thanks to the Lord, call on His name, make known
His deeds among the peoples. Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;
tell of all His wonderful works. Glory in His holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.*

Psalm 105:1-3d



St. Andrew

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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!

POTLUCK SUNDAY is today!! Please join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall right after the service, even if you didn't bring a dish. Everyone is welcome to this time of food and fellowship.

The **Wednesday Night Live** menu on September 2nd features **Chicken Teriyaki**, 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.

Angel Academy, Mother's Day Out, will hold an open house on Wednesday, September 2nd at 11:00 a.m. They will also have their first day of school starting on Wednesday, September 9th. Welcome back, little ones!!

CPS Hygiene Bags: Thanks for your generous contributions!
The hygiene bags for younger children will be packed at 1:30 p.m. on September 9th in the Gathering Place in the upper hallway.