

Order of Celebration

September 16, 2018 • 10:30 AM

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Sharing the Life of the Church

Please complete the Communication Card and place it in the offering plate. If you have a prayer request, fill out a prayer card that will be collected during the first song.

Centering Music and Service of Lights

*Call to Worship: (based on Psalm 124)

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

All: What did God do to help us?

Leader: God chose the people of Israel to make a new beginning.

All: They received God's covenant and prepared the way for Jesus to come as our Savior. Let us worship the God of the covenant, the God of heaven and earth.

*Song Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah UMH 127

**Passing the Peace*

Please greet your fellow church members with the words, "Peace be with you". Feel free to move through the sanctuary to greet your church family.

Children's Message

Song for the Children: "Go Now in Peace" UMH 665
Children dismissed to Fellowship Hall for "Kids Rock"

A time of confession and forgiveness: (based on Psalm 42)

Leader: As the deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

All: These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

Leader: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? HOPE in God, for I shall again praise him, my help and my God. Be assured that the God of all hope forgives us and sets us free to live as God's children. Thanks be to God!

Song	As the Deer (sung twice)	TFWS 2025
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THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson	Psalm 37: 1 - 11 Psalm 37: 39 - 40	pg 691 pg 692-93
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Gospel Lesson	Luke 6: 27 - 38	pg 1253
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Message	Hurting People Hurt People
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OUR RESPONSE

Offering Invitation

As God's dear children, then, take him as your pattern, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up for us as an offering and a sweet-smelling sacrifice to God.

Offertory Music

Choir Anthem

*Doxology

UMH 95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Dedication Prayer

Lord, you give us everything that is good - our homes, our food, our families, and even our lives. All that we own and all that we are belong to you. We thank you by sharing our time, talents, and our money with others in need. Please use these gifts to show your love to people throughout our world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE ARE SENT FORTH

*Song

O Lord, May Church and Home Combine

UMH 695

Taking the Light to the World

Benediction:

Pastor: May our Lord Jesus Christ, the One who came with grace and truth, also fill your hearts with grace and truth, as you serve him in the days ahead.

All: And may the joy of the Lord be our strength! Amen.

Postlude

Please Join us for Coffee and Conversation in Fellowship Hall

**Please stand as you feel comfortable*



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