

The Well

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 24, 2025*

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Celebration *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God, come.

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One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
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Willingly we choose to surrender our lives.
Willingly our knees will bow.
With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength
we gladly choose you now.

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Come just as you are
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Welcoming One Another

Song

Jesus, Hold My Hand

As I travel through this pilgrim land
there is a Friend who walks with me,
leads me safely through the sinking sand.
It is the Christ of Calvary.
This would be my prayer, dear Lord each day,
to help me do the best I can,
for I need Thy light to guide me day and night.
Blessed Jesus, hold my hand .

Jesus hold my hand.
I need Thee ev'ry hour.
Through this pilgrim land,
protect me by Thy pow'r.
Hear my feeble plea.
O Lord, look down on me.
When I kneel in pray'r, I hope to meet You there.
Blessed Jesus, hold my hand.
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Let me travel in the light divine
that I may see the blessed way.
Keep me that I may be wholly Thine
and sing redemption's song some day.
I will be a soldier, brave and true,
and ever firmly take a stand
as I onward go and daily meet the foe.
Blessed Jesus, hold my hand.

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We Hear God's Word

First Scripture Lesson

[Psalm 39:1-12](#)

Lindy Halverson

- 1 I promised I would watch my steps
so as not to sin with my tongue;
promised to keep my mouth shut
as long as the wicked were in my presence.
- 2 So I was completely quiet, silent.
I kept my peace, but it did no good.

My pain got worse.
 3 My heart got hot inside me;
 while stewing over it, the fire burned.
 Then I spoke out with my tongue:
 4 “Let me know my end, Lord.
 How many days do I have left?
 I want to know how brief my time is.”
 5 You’ve made my days so short;
 my lifetime is like nothing in your eyes.
 Yes, a human life is nothing but a puff of air! Selah
 6 Yes, people wander around like shadows;
 yes, they hustle and bustle, but pointlessly;
 they don’t even know who will get the wealth they’ve amassed.
 7 So now, Lord, what should I be waiting for?
 My hope is set on you.
 8 Deliver me from all my sins;
 don’t make me some foolish person’s joke.
 9 I am completely silent; I won’t open my mouth
 because you have acted.
 10 Get this plague of yours off me!
 I’m being destroyed by the blows from your fist.
 11 You discipline people for their sin, punishing them;
 like a moth, you ruin what they treasure.
 Yes, a human life is just a puff of air! Selah
 12 Hear my prayer, Lord!
 Listen closely to my cry for help!
 Please don’t ignore my tears!
 I’m just a foreigner—
 an immigrant staying with you,
 just like all my ancestors were.

Sharing Faith with God’s Children

Anita Sherer

All students, please bring your backpacks up.

Care for children up to age 5 is in Room 121. Worship Kits for children, containing crayons and puzzle sheets based on Scripture, may be found in the entrance area.

Blessing of Backpacks

Pastor Duane

Presentation of Bibles

Chris Fulkerson

Confirmation/Reception into Membership

Eva Grace Van Pelt

Chris: Brothers and sisters in Christ, through confirmation, and through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ’s holy church. Today, we present Eva Van Pelt for Confirmation.

Pastor: On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I will.

According to the grace given to you, will you remain a faithful member of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representative in the world?

I will.

Pastor to Congregation: Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

All: **We do.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Pastor: Eva Van Pelt, the Lord defend you with his heavenly grace and by his Spirit confirm you in the faith and fellowship of all true disciples of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Pastor: Will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?

I will.

Chris to the Congregation: Brothers and sisters, I commend to your love and care this person whom we receive on this day into the membership of this congregation. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

All: **We rejoice to recognize you as a member of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to this congregation of The United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

Pastor: God the father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless, preserve, and keep you, now and evermore.

All: **Amen.**

Song

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear;
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy reigns,
unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me;
his work my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

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The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below,
will be forever mine,
will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

Second Scripture Lesson

[Luke 15:1-10](#)

15 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." 3 So he told them this parable: 4 "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' 7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. 8 "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? 9 When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Message

“The Gospel According to Pixar: Finding Nemo

Pastor Duane

If you would like to discuss today's message after the service is over, join the Reflections group in Room 114.

We Respond to God's Word

Offering Our Gifts

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom com,
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.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Are Sent to Serve

Closing Song

Your Grace Is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness, oh God.
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy,
and nothing can keep us apart
So, remember Your people,
remember Your children,
remember Your promise, oh God.
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.
Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob.
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation,
and all Your people sing along
So, remember Your people,
remember Your children,
remember Your promise, oh God.
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.
Yeah, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.

Remember Your people,
remember Your children,
remember Your promise, oh God.
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.
Yeah, Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches down to us.
Your grace is enough for me.
God, I see Your grace is enough.
I'm covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me, for me.
It's enough for me.

The Blessing

