

Order of Morning Worship			Prayer Concerns and Praises		
September 14, 2025		8:30 AM			
Immediately preceding worship there will be a time for sharing community concerns and announcements. Thank you for giving our lay leaders your courteous attention.					
GREETING	Barbara Bragg	† HYMN	“Amazing Grace”	UMH 378 (v. 1,2,3,4 & 6)	Remember ~ <b>Friends and Family of Denny Zimmerman, after his passing.</b> <b>Friends and Family of Joan Bennett, after her passing.</b> <b>Cody McCreary and Family Evans Marbrey and Barbara Zander, after the passing of their sister, Cindy Marbrey</b> <b>Friends and Famly of Gwen Potter, after her passing.</b> Amy Canup, Friend of Anna Robinson Rutger Hill and Family Donald Conn Jonathan Carter Jim Jess Justin Clark Dan Adkins, Son of Leo Larkin Ben Majors Jane Gerdeman's grandson, Dalton Hudson Boyett, Grandson of Milburn and Beth Gross Matthew McCullough Jack Walker, son of John and Ruby Walker Claudia Davis, friend of Wanda Lamb Roger Grider and Family Marisha Pressley and Family Beth Swanson Larry and Nancy Lindsey, neighbors of Donna Daniel. Charles Bishop, father of Larry Bishop Richard Patterson Linda Turner April Fitzgerald Ryan Edwards Donna Owens Eric Zimovan's grandmother, Dorothy Johnnie Bone II Deven Beard Sheila Gurley Ryder Beard Joanne Lowery
PRELUDE	“Chanson Matinale” Arr. Richard Lange	Steve Schneider, Organ	OFFERTORY PRAYER		
			GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS		
† CALL TO WORSHIP	UMH 99	OFFERTORY	“Offertoire” LefeBure Wely		
	<i>To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things he has done. With his blood he has saved me, with his power he has raised me, to God be the glory for the things he has done.</i>	† DOXOLOGY		UMH 94	
			<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</i>		
† OPENING HYMN	“Marching to Zion”	UMH 733			
† THE APOSTLE'S CREED	UMH 881		READING FROM THE GOSPEL	Luke 15:1-10	
	I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and 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, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. 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. Amen.		ANTHEM	“God Will Make a Way”	
			SERMON	Matthew M. Smith “Tax Collectors, Sinners, and Thee”	
† PASSING OF THE PEACE	UMH 394	† HYMN OF INVITATION		UMH 381 (v. 1,2,3)	
	<i>Something beautiful, something good; all my confusion, he understood; All I had to offer him was brokenness and strife, but he made something beautiful of my life.</i>	† BENEDICTION			
PASTORAL PRAYER		† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (sung by all)			
THE LORD'S PRAYER			<i>As we go, may your Spirit go before us. As we go, may we follow where you lead. May we live what we have learned, share the message we have heard, and be a light unto the world as we go.</i>		
	Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, 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.	POSTLUDE	“Postlude in Bb” W. Volckmar		

† Please, stand as you are able.  
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Altar Flowers were given in Loving Memory of  
**Denny Zimmerman**  
By Diane Daebler



**WE'RE HAPPY YOU'RE HERE!** ~ Please scan the QR Code to sign in OR sign in on the red attendance pads. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Announcements & Events  
at HGUMC



**NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE ~ September 21st, 2025**  
Traditional Service - Beth Swanson & Ellen Jenkins  
Contemporary Service - Mary Ann Smith & Hanna Scites

**Friendly Reminder-** the nursery room is a “Shoe Free Zone” and please remember to pick up any trash and put away toys at the end of service. We need additional volunteers to staff the Nursery during Sunday morning services. You would serve once every other month. We are also looking for people to fill in as needed. Contact [office@hazelgreen.org](mailto:office@hazelgreen.org) for more information.



**TWO IS ONE MORE THAN ONE ~** As we continue to streamline and work to improve our live-stream worship experience, we will be offering online worship through Facebook Live as well as on our standard YouTube channel. If at first you don't succeed...

We simply want to be sure folks have a way to participate in our worship, whichever way fits your life best. No matter what means or method, technology or style--God is with us. Thank you again for your on-going patience and support.



**MCCREARY FAMILY HEALTHCARE ASSISTANCE ~** Our Youth Director, **Cody McCreary**, recently became seriously ill after returning from a business trip. After an ER visit for dizziness, balance issues, and left-side weakness, he was transferred to Vanderbilt, where he is undergoing plasmapheresis treatments.

Cody has **no health insurance** and is currently out of work, leaving his family with growing medical bills. To help, HGUMC has created a designated account for donations. **If you would like to donate**, please bring your donation to the church office, donate through Tithely (please add “McCreary Family” in the memo), or by placing it in the offering plate on Sundays (please write “McCreary Family” in the memo line). Let's show the McCreary family they're not alone. Please give as you're able and continue to keep them in your prayers.



**BLESSINGS ARE BACK! ~** We are excited to bring back our Blessing of the Animals event on **Sunday, October 5th!** This will be a time to celebrate all God's creatures--and we may all! Bring you animal friends, as we worship and pray for them, have a run time and give each animals a special

blessing and medallion of St Francis, patron saint of animals. We will gather in the (hopefully) cool of the evening, between 5-6 PM. Stay tuned for more information.



**HGUMC's "THE CHOSEN" VIEWING PARTY – SEASON 2**

We're back! Join us in the gym **Sundays at 6:00 PM** as we continue watching The Chosen – Season 2. Bring a friend and come be part of the conversation and fellowship! For more information, please contact [David Hayes](mailto:David Hayes).



**SCAN TO GIVE ~** To make it more convenient and easier. If you'd like to give online please scan this QR Code to go straight to our Tithely.



**SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS BOXES ~** It's shoebox time again! From **August 24th - October 24th**, we are filling shoeboxes for children in Jesus' name. Shoeboxes will be located outside of the Gym and Sanctuary, and can be returned to the same area or to the church office. Scan QR Code below for ideas or contact Amanda Salazar by email at

[mrssalazar1@gmail.com](mailto:mrssalazar1@gmail.com)!



**COMFORT CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP ~** Meets monthly on the 4th Sunday at 2 PM in the Conference Room. Next meeting is **September 28th**.



**SUPPORT GROUP ~** for widows, widowers and divorcees meets 3rd Thursdays at 11:30 AM in the Conference Room. If you are dealing with grief or feeling a loss, consider joining us for fellowship, discussion. Next Meeting will be **September 18th**. Contact Pauline Childers for more information at (256) 682-4114.



**KARATE / SELF DEFENSE CLASS ~** Marc Hilden is offering training in Isshin Ryu Karate, a self defense based style of karate. Classes will resume in **September** and be held **Mondays, 6:15- 8 PM in the gym**.



**KIDS IN ACTION ~** meets on Sundays 4-6 PM. Please contact Mary Ann Smith for more information.



**YOUTH GROUP MEETS ~** Sunday nights from 5:30-7:30 PM. All students in 6th-12th grade are welcome. Contact Cody McCreary for more information.

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Sunday Worship Times 8:30 AM Traditional, 10:30 AM Contemporary  
Sunday School Classes for All Ages 9:45 AM

Rev. Matthew Smith, Pastor  
Craig Carodine, Contemporary Worship Leader  
Marla Jenkins, Director of Traditional Music  
Steve Schneider, Organist

Jonathan Willis, Accompanist  
Cody McCreary, Director of Youth Ministries  
Kelley Hawkins, Office Administrator  
Paige Peil, Director of Child Enrichment Center

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