

## 10:30am Contemporary Worship Service

WELCOME

PRAISE SINGING

"King of Heaven"  
"What a Beautiful Name"  
Time of Prayer  
"Living Hope"  
Good News Worship Team

GREETING & MEMORY VERSE

HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. David Laechel

OFFERING

PRAYER IN HONOR OF OUR COUNTRY'S 250<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

SCRIPTURE Genesis 12:1-5 & Hebrews 11:1-2, 5-16

MESSAGE "Heaven: A Better Country!" Pastor David

PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC "I Can Only Imagine" Deborah Peters

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEMORY VERSE

BLESSING & CLOSING MUSIC

### Memory Verse

*"For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come." -Hebrews 13:14*

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Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here!

## 8:30am Traditional Worship Service

GATHERING	"Gather Us In"	Marty Haugan
PRELUDE	"Come Christians Join to Sing"	Henry Bateman
WELCOME		
*OPENING HYMN	"America the Beautiful"	<i>UMH#696</i> (vs.1-3)
*MEMORY VERSE		
PRAYER IN HONOR OF OUR COUNTRY'S 250 <sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY		
HOLY COMMUNION		Rev. David Laechel
THE LORD'S PRAYER ("using sins")		<i>UMH#894</i>
SCRIPTURE	Genesis 12:1-5 & Hebrews 11:1-2, 5-16	
MESSAGE	"Heaven: A Better Country!"	Pastor David
MESSAGE SONG	"Looking for a City"	(words on screen)
OFFERING		
*DOXOLOGY	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	<i>UMH#95</i>
*OFFERTORY PRAYER		
*CLOSING SONG	"The God of Abraham Praise"	<i>UMH#116</i> (vs. 1-3)
*ANNOUNCEMENTS & MEMORY VERSE		
*THE BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	"America the Beautiful"	K. Bates/S. Ward

**\*Invited to stand. Feel free to stand or sit, as you are able or prefer.**

Rev. Dr. David Werner, Pastor  
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### This Week's Schedule

	<b>Sunday, July 5</b>
8:15am	Prayer for Worship
8:30am	Traditional Worship Service
9:30am	Drop-In Class (Room 223)
9:30am	Upper Room Study (Fireside Room)
10:30am	Contemporary Worship Service
	<b>Monday, July 6</b>
1:00pm	Sewing Circle (Room 223)
	<b>Tuesday, July 7</b>
6:15pm	Good News Praise Team practice (Sanctuary)
	<b>Wednesday, July 8</b>
5:30pm	Celebrate & Sing (Dinette & Sanctuary)
	<b>Thursday, July 9</b>
6:30pm	Finance Team (Zoom)
6:30pm	Mega Camp training (Sanctuary)
	<b>Friday, July 10</b>
11:00am	Older Folders (Fireside Room)
	<b>Sunday, July 12 – Youth Sunday</b>
8:15am	Prayer for Worship
8:30am	Traditional Worship Service Children's Church (during service)
9:30am	Drop-In Class (Room 223)
9:30am	Upper Room Study (Fireside Room)
10:30am	Contemporary Worship Service Children's Church (during service)
	<b>Upcoming events, holidays &amp; special Sundays:</b>
July 13-16	Mega Kids Camp at Century High School Youth In-Town Mission
July 17-19	Teens Encounter Christ
Sun., July 26	New Members Sunday

## Announcements

### No Children's Church this Morning

Children's activity books are available during worship in the back of the Sanctuary.

### Communion this Morning at Both Services

We are honored to have Pastor Dave Laechel assisting with the celebration of Holy Communion at both services this morning.

### Bethany Mission Chalice

We give God thanks for the great mission and safe return of our Youth Mission Trip to Virginia this past week. Though the team is back, we will continue to leave the chalice in the Sanctuary to mark the Mega Camp Mission our church is hosting at the National Volleyball Center, July 13-16.

### Venezuela Earthquake Relief

The people of Venezuela are facing immense hardship following the devastating twin earthquakes that struck on June 24. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is working with partners on the ground to provide emergency assistance, including food, clean water, medical care, and shelter for those impacted by this disaster. As followers of Christ, we are called to respond with compassion and generosity. Please consider supporting relief efforts by designating your offering as "Venezuela Earthquake Relief." Through our prayers and gifts, we can offer hope and help to those who are suffering.

### Celebrate and Sing This Summer! (Potlucks & Hymn/Song Sings) – this Wednesday

- 5:30pm - Potluck Meal in the Dinette
- 6:30pm - Hymn & Song Sing in the Sanctuary

Our summer message series, *Heaven!*, explores the hope & joy of heaven and how it shapes our lives today. It also gives us reason to sing! Join in for this month's summer potluck and hymn/song sing this Wednesday. Bring a dish to share if you're able or simply come & enjoy the meal. Afterwards, we'll gather in the sanctuary for a joyful time of singing hymns and worship songs that celebrate our heavenly hope.

### Next Sunday is Youth Sunday!

Our Mission Team has returned from Virginia, and they have stories to share! Join in next Sunday as our youth lead worship and give firsthand testimonies about how God worked through this summer's mission trip. Come celebrate their experiences, hear how lives were impacted, and be encouraged by what God is doing through the next generation.

Pastor David (who will be preaching at the Rochester Chinese Church) will be back the following Sunday.

### Join In for the Fun & Become a Volunteer for Mega Kids Camp!

Whether you can serve for a few hours or the entire week, your help is needed and deeply appreciated.

#### There are 2 ways you can sign up:

1. Go to [www.rochestermegacamp.org](http://www.rochestermegacamp.org) and click: **Volunteer at Mega Kids Camp**
2. Email Jim Klepper at [jklepper@evangelum.org](mailto:jklepper@evangelum.org) or Clancy Craven at [ccraven@evangelum.org](mailto:ccraven@evangelum.org)

### Special Wednesday Night Meal on July 15 at 5pm in the Dinette

Everyone is invited for a meal and time to visit with our friends from Brooklyn Center who will be here all week helping out with Mega Kids Camp.

### Sign Up for the Youth In-Town Mission Week

Youth are invited to participate in our In-Town Mission Week, July 12-16. Each day after Mega Camp, students will partner with local ministries and community organizations to serve throughout the area. A participation form will be included in the weekly Youth Families email or contact Youth Minister Stephanie Mettler: [smettler@evangelum.org](mailto:smettler@evangelum.org). Please sign up your student for this exciting week of service, fellowship, and outreach!

### Rochester Honkers Baseball Game on Thursday, July 23 at 6:35pm

For 2026 we're staying in Rochester to cheer on the Honkers as they take on the LaCrosse Loggers at Mayo Field! Tickets for the game are just **\$6 each**. Sign up on the board in the Lobby, online or click the link found in the midweek update or July newsletter.

### From the Midwest Mission Staff

"Everyone at Midwest Mission would like to send a heartfelt thank you for making your generous donation of school supplies on June 17. Your donation extends our outreach and makes a tremendous impact on so many lives. Thank you so much for blessing others through the ministry of Midwest Mission!"

### Celebrations

- Bob and Ruth Ann Miles will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Thursday, July 9.

### Prayer Concerns

- Tom Adams is struggling with radiation treatments on his hip.
- Paul Clayson is recovering at home from a broken vertebrae in his lumbar.
- Bob Craven is receiving hospice care at Chosen Valley Care Center in Chatfield.
- Mark Kossman is undergoing treatment for depression and anxiety.
- Stacy Mattson, Kristie Kassel's cousin, had a heart attack and is in the ICU in critical condition.
- Michael Stelck - is recovering from recent chemo treatments.

### Continued Prayers

- Sarah Ahern - college student
- Thomas Adams - mobility issues
- Dianne Andersen - mobility issues
- Josiah Arechigo - college student
- Marilyn Bastian - mobility issues
- Nancy R. Becker-Peterson - disability & leukemia
- Marian Blagsvedt - mobility issues
- Wayne Blagsvedt - mobility issues
- Pat Brahmer - mobility issues
- Joy Burson - memory issues