



Ardmore Moravian Church

July 26, 2026

WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:

*God, turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your custom toward those who love your name.*

Psalm 119:132

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

³¹ He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

³³ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2026

Prelude

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

Robert Lowry, arr. John Purifoy

Call to Worship

(Please Stand, as you are able.)

Songs of Praise

“The Heart Of Worship”

When the music fades, all is stripped away

And I simply come

Longing just to bring something that's of worth

That would bless Your heart

I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself

Is not what You have required

You search much deeper within through the way things appear

You're looking into my heart

CHORUS: *I'm coming back to the heart of worship,*

And it's all about You, it's all about You Jesus

I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it

When it's all about You, it's all about You Jesus

*King of endless worth, No one could express
How much You deserve
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours
Every single breath*

*I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself
Is not what You have required
You search much deeper within through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart*

CHORUS: *I'm coming back to the heart of worship,
And it's all about You, it's all about You Jesus
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You, it's all about You Jesus
(X 2)*

"Lord, I Need You" Matt Maher

*Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here, I find my rest
Without You, I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart*

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour, I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You*

*Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me*

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour, I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You*

*So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay*

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour, I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You*

*You're my one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You*

*My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You*

Greeting One Another

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgy of Grace

We worship you, Lord God, the high and lofty one, who inhabits eternity, whose name is holy. You dwell in the high and holy place, and also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit.

Give us grace to bring you the sacrifice of a broken and contrite heart, which you, O God, will not despise.

“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..*

*One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now*

*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.. Come..Come.*

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

God spoke these words, saying:

You shall have no other gods besides me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;

And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

*Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
(Chorus)*

Lord God, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity, and transgression, and sin, yet by no means clearing the unrepentant: incline your ear and hear, for we do not present our supplications before you on the ground of our righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercies.

SILENT CONFESSION

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Do not cast us away from your presence and do not take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit. Have mercy upon us according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Thus says the Lord: I will forgive your iniquity and remember your sin no more. Peace be with you.

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;

And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.

And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians

by our love, by our love,

yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

(Please Stand, as you are able.)

In the peace of God, let us join in professing our faith:

With the whole of Christendom, we share faith in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We believe and confess that God has revealed himself once for all in Jesus Christ; that our Lord has redeemed us with the whole of humanity by his death and resurrection; and that there is no salvation apart from him.

We believe that Christ is present with us in the word and the sacrament; that he directs us through the Spirit and thus forms us into a church. We hear him summoning us to follow him, and ask him to use us in his service. Christ joins us together mutually, so that knowing ourselves to be members of his body, we become willing to serve each other.

In this spirit we await the appearing of Jesus Christ, go forward to meet our Lord with joy, and pray to be found ready when he comes. Amen.

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer” MBW # 745

*O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.*

*O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.*

Lord God, Father, hear us as we pray...

**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 and ever.
Amen.**

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercessions for church,
nation, and world, the afflicted, and the coming of God's
kingdom may be offered.)

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time to make
our common intercession to you, and you have promised
through your beloved Son that where two or three are
gathered together in his name you will be in the midst of
them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be
best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,
and in the world to come life everlasting.

Amen.

“What A Friend We Have In Jesus” MBW # 743
*What a friend we have in Jesus
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,*

*all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer.*

*Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!*

*Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge,
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.*

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Evidence” Josh Baldwin, Ed Cash, Ethan Hulse

Response “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;*

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer

Scripture Lessons

Romans 8:26-39

Psalms 119:129-136

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

“Seek Ye First The Kingdom Of God” MBW # 605

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all the things shall be added unto you—
Allelu, alleluia.*

*Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and ye shall find,
knock and the door shall be open unto you—
Allelu, alleluia.*

*We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia.*

Sermon “The Small But Amazing Mustard Seed”

Rev. Joe Moore

*To God be the glory - great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

*Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory - great things he has done!*

*O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.*

Refrain

*Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.*

Refrain

Benediction

Please be seated and use this time to listen to the Postlude and reflect upon how God is calling you to live, to love, and to serve in the week to come.

Postlude

“Sing the Glad Song”

Franklin Ritter



*The flowers are placed today to the glory of God and His Son
as we remember the many blessings
He bestows on each of us.*



OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 26 – Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service – Rev. Joe Moore
- 3:00 PM Rev. Dr. Nola Knouse Consecration Service
 as Bishop of the Moravian Unity -
 Home Moravian Church

Wednesday, July 29

- No Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, August 1

- 2:00 PM Rev. Kevin Frack Celebration of Life Service
 Cornerstone Christian Church

Sunday, August 2 – Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Worship Service – Rev. Dr. Kelly Moore

PEOPLE FOR WHOM WE ARE PRAYING



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Beverly Dillon
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Julie Johnson
Adam Lefevre

Barry Lyons
Beth Kiger Mabe
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Ray Shelton
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Larry

Please remember the Frack family in your prayers. Rev. Kevin Frack entered the more immediate presence of his Lord and Savior on Sunday, July 26th.

**Please contact the church office to add or remove individuals from the prayer list.*

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

August 16	August 13th Communion 4:00 PM Ice Cream Social
September 15	Seniors & Friends @ Westtown Restaurant
September 27	Theology and Film
October 4	Worldwide Communion Blessing of Pets
October 20	Seniors & Friends @ The Olive Tree Deli
November 7	Art Walk
November 8	Communion Celebration of the Chief Eldership of Jesus Christ Church Council Meeting
November 17	Seniors & Friends @ The Carriage House
November 30 7:00 PM	Candle Trimming
December 2-4	Candle Tea
December 24	Christmas Eve Lovefeast and Candle Services
December 25	Christmas Day – Birth of Jesus Christ

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