



ARVADA
United Methodist Church

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Sunday, August 16, 2026; 8:15 and 10:00 am

Gathering Music

Prelude *They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love*
Jordan Ortman

Greeting Tim Kennedy

***Opening Hymn** *Christ Beside Me*

(James Quinn) One License # 30138781

Christ be beside me. Christ be before me. Christ be behind me.
King of my heart.

Christ be within me. Christ be below me. Christ be above me.
Never to part.

Christ on my right hand. Christ on my left hand. Christ all around me.
Shield in the strife.

Christ in my sleeping. Christ in my sitting. Christ in my rising.
Light of my life.

Christ be beside me. Christ be before me. Christ be behind me.
King of my heart.

Christ be within me. Christ be below me. Christ be above me. Never to
part.

Congregational Greeting

Offertory / Offertory Prayer

Offertory Music

We Will Rejoice in Love

Summer Singers, Jordan Ortman

(David Bjorlin, Mark A. Miller) One License # U01373

Scripture

Matthew 26: 6-13 NRSV

Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, 'Why this waste? For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor.' But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, 'Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.'

The Scripture of faith for the people of faith.

ALL: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Rev. Rebecca Dunagan

Compassion Meditation

Meditation Chant - Metta Chant (Ben Meyers)

Tim will sing one time:

May I be safe. May I be well. May I know joy. May I be free

Congregation will repeat:

May I be safe. May I be well. May I know joy. May I be free

Meditation

May you be safe. May you be well. May you know joy. May you be free.

Meditation

May all be safe. May all be well. May all know joy. May all be free

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn** *God, You Move Across the Borders*

(Carolyn Winfrey William Moore)

Sung to the HOLY MANNA - #150 *God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

God, you move across the borders with the ones who need to flee.
You walk with the weary traveler; you go with the refugee.
You cry out from mass detention; you seek justice, here denied.
You enfold with great compassion those the nations push aside.

God, you move among the suffering in this time of illness here.
You work through the people offering care amid the pain and fear.
In our grief and isolation, in the times it's hard to cope,
You bring peace and consolation; you bring joy and love and hope.

God, you break down mighty barriers — sins we've sanctioned far too long.
We have walked on paths of privilege; you have moved to right the wrong.
You have sent your prophets to us, calling racist ways a sin.
You have judged us and renewed us; you have shown that love will win.

God, you move across the barriers, offering love in Jesus Christ.
Through your Son, our Lord and Savior, you have called: "Now share my life!"

By your Spirit, give us courage; help us boldly move to be
loving with compassion neighbors building your community.

***Benediction**

Sending Forth Music *Wayfaring Stranger*

(arr. Mark Hayes)

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