

# **St. Luke's United Methodist Church**

Rev. Seok Nam Lim

**Ministers- Every Member of the Congregation**

**August 3, 2025**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**



**We are the People of the United Methodist Church**

**Our Vision~ “Share Love and Give Hope”**

# GATHERING

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Becky Scott, Liturgist

## PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus

Leon Beaudin, Organist

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to God,  
**for God's steadfast love lasts forever.**  
God accompanies us in our distresses,  
**as we cross the threshold to worship's blessings.**  
Give thanks to our God,  
**for God's steadfast love abides with us.**  
Let us enter this space for worship,  
**celebrating God's works for humankind.**

## HYMN

Sing Praise to God

UMH 126

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**God, who renews us with hope in your Spirit, summon us in your presence and awake us to your truth and way. Wrap us with the cloak of your wisdom and grace. As your light breaks the horizon of this day, help us see the love revealed in your realm. Nourish us with your wisdom and guide us with your hope, for we hunger to know you better. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, we pray. Amen.**

# PROCLAIMING THE WORD

## A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

John 14:1-7

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Seok Nam Lim

## HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story VS 1,3+4

UHM 156

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Seok Nam Lim

## DEDICATION PRAYER FOR CE OFFICE & PARKING LOT

Rev. Seok Nam Lim

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Psalm 1**

**MESSAGE**

The Blessed Life for God's People

**Rev. Seok Nam Lim**

## **OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**

Jesus Messiah

**Dave Talaga**

**DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

**UMH 94**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**God of Goodness, thank you for your steadfast love and your wonderful works. Today we stand in front of you with our riches in hand: our treasures, time, and talents. May our giving reflect the faithfulness of our spirits. And may our offerings be clothed with your visions and dreams. In the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord, we pray. Amen**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

Take our Bread

**Leon Beaudin, Piano**

**HYMN**

Are Ye Able

**UMH 530**

## **SENDING FORTH**

**BENEDICTION**

**Rev. Seok Nam Lim**

May we secure the cords of kindness  
**and the bands of love on the path forward.**  
May we clothe ourselves in cloaks of renewal,  
**building the realm of God here on earth.**  
May we celebrate the steadfast love of God  
**and embracing Christ's presence.**  
Surely God journeys with us forever.  
**Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

Song of the Saints

**Leon Beaudin, Organist**

# Sermon Summary

## The blessed life for God's people (Psalm 1)

**Summary:** God will make his kingdom real to the whole humankind through covenant faithfulness of his people to him, through which his kingdom will prosper like “trees planted by streams of water.”

**A. Israel, as a community of God's kingdom for the whole humankind, will prosper through covenant faithfulness to God and his Word.**

**God called the Israelites to be a mediator of his blessings for all nations: Gen. 12:1-3** *The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. <sup>2</sup> “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”*

**The purpose of God's grace is to make his people be a blessing for all nations: The people of Israel became God's “treasured possession out of all the peoples” and “a priestly kingdom and a holy nation” (Ex. 19:5-6).**

After being delivered from slavery, the task given to the Israelites is to live as God's treasured possession, living a distinguished life as a priestly kingdom and a holy nation in the presence of all nations. God brought them out of Egypt, the house of slavery. Through his deliverance, God proved himself to be not a local deity but the sovereign Lord of the world, under whose control and power he places the whole world. God, the Lord, was the king of Israel, and he bound them to worship him alone and obey him. Further, they could count on him to keep his promises, including both his promises of blessing and his threats of judgment.

God commanded the people of Israel to take a role of priesthood for all the nations and live in holiness among them for God's mission to all humankind. The way of Israelites to flourish as a community of God's kingdom is to live in faithfulness to God's covenant, paying attention to the wisdom of God spoken through Moses and keeping it in their life.

**B. Israel under the covenant curse will be unfruitful for the progress of God's kingdom.**

*The people of Israel disregarded the warning that they will be “like chaff that the wind blows away” (Ps. 1:4): Their history in 2 Kings concludes in the covenant curse; they did “what was evil in the sight of God...indeed Jerusalem and Judah so angered the Lord that he expelled them from his presence” (2 Kings 24:19, 20).*

They experienced exile to a foreign land. No nation recognized them as God’s treasured possession, a priestly kingdom, and a holy nation among all the nations.

**Isaiah 1:10-12, 21-26** <sup>10</sup> *Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the instruction of our God, you people of Gomorrah!* <sup>11</sup> *“The multitude of your sacrifices—what are they to me?” says the Lord. “I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats. <sup>12</sup> When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts?*

<sup>21</sup> *See how the faithful city has become a prostitute! She once was full of justice; righteousness used to dwell in her—but now murderers!* <sup>22</sup> *Your silver has become dross, your choice wine is diluted with water. <sup>23</sup> Your rulers are rebels, partners with thieves; they all love bribes and chase after gifts. They do not defend the cause of the fatherless; the widow’s case does not come before them.*

<sup>24</sup> *Therefore the Lord, the Lord Almighty, the Mighty One of Israel, declares: “Ah! I will vent my wrath on my foes and avenge myself on my enemies. <sup>25</sup> I will turn my hand against you; I will thoroughly purge away your dross and remove all your impurities. <sup>26</sup> I will restore your leaders as in days of old, your rulers as at the beginning. Afterward you will be called the City of Righteousness, the Faithful City.”*

The purpose of God in making Israelites a priestly kingdom and a holy nation is the reason for their existence in the world. If they worship any god other than God, Yahweh, and disobey him, they will lose their significance as a nation, their existence will be meaningless, and they will disappear into the forgetfulness of the people “like chaff that the wind blows away” (Ps. 1:4).

### **C. The church, a community of God’s kingdom in Christ, will thrive in the life of discipleship according to the Word of God.**

The church is a community of God’s kingdom on earth, whose task is to perform God’s mission to the world today. For this missional task, Christ commands us to live a life of discipleship through the Word of God. In obedience to the Word of God and through the life of discipleship, the community of Christ thrives in the world. It will be under the covenant blessing promised to the people of God, whose life becomes fruitful and prosperous like “trees planted by streams of water” (Ps. 1:3).

**1 Pet. 2:9** *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."*

#### **D. Conclusion – The prosperity of God's kingdom and its ultimate victory through our discipleship**

**First, our obedience to the Word of God transforms us into the image of Christ; We will grow up to the fullness of his image.** We are clothed with the new self in Christ to be continuously "renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator," Christ (Col. 3:10). We are made righteous by God's grace in Christ so that we may "walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4). When we let the Word of God dominate us, not letting sin exercise dominion in our lives, we will see ourselves renewed and function as a priestly kingdom and a holy nation, so that we will proclaim the glory of God to the world and his kingdom will move forward among us. Our obedience to the Word of God brings us into the transformation according to the image of Christ. We will see God work through our obedience to him to transform the world according to his will. God's purpose to save us from sin is to renew the world in Christ. Through our obedience to His Word, God will progress his kingdom on earth.

**Second, our obedience to the Word of God leads us to participate in the suffering of Christ Jesus. Through our sufferings, we will experience God's unfailing love. Without suffering, none of us can experience God's love that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

*Acts 8:1-3* (The Church Persecuted and Scattered) *On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. <sup>2</sup> Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. <sup>3</sup> But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.*

Through the obedience to the Word of God, the early Christians incarnated the image of Christ who was crucified for their sake and for the love of God for all nations. Our participation in God's saving grace, calling him, "Abba Father," will lead us to participate in the sufferings of Christ: We are the co-heir of Christ:

**Romans 8:14-17** <sup>14</sup> *For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. <sup>15</sup> The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you*

*live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.*

*And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. <sup>17</sup> Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.*

**Romans 8:34-39** <sup>34</sup> *Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written:*

*“For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”*

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<sup>37</sup> *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**How can you know that the love of God in Christ will never fail without experiencing suffering?**

**Third, God guarantees us the ultimate victory and participation in God’s glory to come.** We will join the assembly of the righteous; the wicked living against God’s grace and covenant “will not stand in the judgment of God, being alienated from “the congregation of the righteous” (Ps. 1:5). The book of Revelation concludes with the blessing to the people who wash their robes by the blood of Christ and keep the words of God; God promises them the abundant life in the city of God, which will come true with the coming of Christ (Rev. 22:7, 14). We are living in the hope of God’s glory so that we do not let our desire dominate our lives but let the Word of God lead us and prosper through our lives. We do not have to be frustrated when we see people carry out their wicked schemes and succeed in their ways. But we must be “still before the LORD and wait patiently for him” (Ps. 37:7) because we know that the hope of God’s blessing will not disappoint us (Rom. 5:5).

# HOLY COMMUNION

## ***PRAYER OF INVITATION***

God the Lord, our Source of unity and strength, in our longing for wholeness, we reach out to your Son, whose touch heals our brokenness; in our yearning for community, we take hold of the promises of Christ, whose life and love bind us together as one. From lives of separation and distrust, knit us into one family, where all are welcomed and honored. As we share the bread of life and drink the cup of salvation, forge us anew as one people of faith.

**Amen.**

## ***The GREAT THANKSGIVING***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You have made from one every nation and people to live on all the face of the earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

**He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth and to make disciples of all nations, and today we join the family of God throughout the world at Christ's holy table.**

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."



When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

### ***LORD'S PRAYER***

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us 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, now and forever. Amen.**

### ***BREAKING THE BREAD***

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

### ***GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP***

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# The Families of

Betty McDonald, friend & family member of Sally Cadarette  
Ray Snyder, husband of Jill Snyder and brother-in-law of Sally Roby

## Pray For

Barb Meyer  
Leslie Wisniewski  
Nancy (the stepsister of Kathy Dewitt)  
Ann Davis  
Greg Preston  
Bob Pierce, Sr.  
Betty Martinek  
Jane Russell  
Melissa Morin  
Joe Fleming  
Jim Merrill  
Linda O'Marrow, the friend of Shirley Plessner

## Shut-ins

Ann Davis, Bob Davidson, Florence Decker, Sandy Gillam,  
Marletta Gross, Susan Hendrickson, Betty Martinek, Barb Meyer, Melissa Morin,  
Phyllis Finn, Ruth Matherne, Jane Russell, Jacky Sansburn, and Roger Trerice.

Lift up in prayer all who are enduring the pain of war, the impacts of climate change, violence, hatred, poverty, and loss. Pray for unity and the freedom we find in Christ to strengthen our nation. Remember our church family, especially those facing loss, illness, weakness, and hardship. And seek blessings for the ministry of St. Luke's UMC.

*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.  
(Isaiah 41:10)*

Requests will be kept on the list for 1 month. If you would like your prayer request to remain on the list or be re-added, please let us know. SUBMIT YOUR PRAYER REQUEST through our website, email [office@stlukesumcni.org](mailto:office@stlukesumcni.org), by filling out a connection card, located on the pew backs, or the Prayer box located in front of the church.

# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thanks to the generosity of our congregation and support from Missions funding**, St. Luke's is able to donate nearly \$1,000 toward Texas relief efforts!

**Become a part of the Missions from Home movement.** The simple act of flattening and inspecting your shopping bags before donating saves the sleeping mat weavers a good amount of time. Donated bags that are clean, free from rips and tears, and flattened will really speed up the weaving process. To date, Mission Needleworkers have completed 17 sleeping mats, which means approximately 12,000 shopping bags have been kept from landfills and transformed into a protective barrier for those in crisis situations. Bags can be left in the basket on the Missions table.

**Help Us Grow Young Hearts in Faith!** Our fall Children's Sunday School kicks off on September 7, and we're looking for kind-hearted folks to help lead the way. If you feel called to teach or simply want to learn more, please reach out to Janie Good or the church office. Your time and care truly make a lasting impact. If you're already on our teacher list but can't participate this fall, thank you for your past support—please let us know so we can update our roster.

**Setup for the Rummage Sale** will take place Sunday through Wednesday, August 10–13. The sale runs from Thursday, August 14, to Saturday, August 16. We welcome donations of baked goods such as cookies, brownies, and homemade bread. Volunteers are needed for setup on Sunday (following worship) and Monday through Wednesday starting at 9 AM, as well as during the sale days. Tear down will take place after the sale ends on Saturday. Please drop off rummage items in Room 4. *Note: We cannot accept mattresses, box springs, tube TVs, computers, or exercise equipment.*

**Puzzle Contest #2, Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

6 teams – 4 people per team. Join in the fun-laughter. Drinks and a light snack supplied. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. See Becky Scott for more information.

**Through the month of August**, the Missions work area will be collecting snack items for our young neighbors at Bush Elementary School. Individually wrapped packages of granola bars, fruit snacks, animal crackers, etc. can be left on the Mission table near the main entrance. Many thanks.

**Salvation Army Soup Kitchen Volunteer Sign-Up.** Help serve at the Matthew 25 Café by prepping, cooking, serving, and cleaning up for soup kitchen guests on Saturday, August 16, from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Location: 410 10th St, Bay City. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

**Help us fill Back-to-School Baskets!** Supply pickups are set for August 14th & 15th. No need to grab everything—just choose a few items from the list and make a difference! So there's enough time to get the baskets packed, please have your donations turned in no later than August 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Nonperishable Pantry Staples**

- Canned fruits
- Canned vegetables
- Canned chicken
- Canned tuna fish
- Baked beans
- Hamburger Helper
- Ramen noodles
- Spaghetti noodles
- Spaghetti sauce

#### **Shelf & Fridge Favorites**

- Peanut butter & jelly
- Bread (buy close to pickup date)
- Freezer pops
- Cereal
- Package cookies

#### **Easy Meals & Sides**

- Suddenly Salad
- Mac & Cheese

**Rev. Dr. William Sanders will lead a 4-week Thursday Bible study, "Cotton Patch Gospel: The Greatest Story Ever Re-Told,"** in August 2025, on August 7, 14, 21, and 28 @ 6:30 pm. **Cotton Patch Gospel** is a musical by Tom Key and Russell Treyz with music and lyrics written by Harry Chapin and produced by Philip M. Getter just after Chapin's death in 1981. It ran off-Broadway at the Lamb's Theatre for 193 performances beginning on October 21, 1981. Based on the book *The Cotton Patch Version of Matthew and John* by Clarence Jordan, the story retells the life of Jesus as if it were in modern-day, rural Georgia. See the sign-up board to register.

**United Methodist Community House Mitchell Motor Coach Bus Trip** – Grand Rapids MI. Hosted by the United Methodist Women in Faith. UMCH is all about community. Since 1902, they have been meeting the needs of and offering opportunities to children, youth, adults, seniors, and families. Located in the heart of Grand Rapids, they are committed to serving a diverse population and continue to adapt programming to best serve those who need most. **EVERYONE WELCOME!** Sign up with Gloria Gonzales, Becky Scott or Brenda Scramlin. Checks may be made out to United Women in Faith. For more information see the UWIF Bulletin board across from the church library.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DATE: Wed. Sept 10, 2025</li><li>• TIME: 7:30 am – 4:00 pm</li><li>• Park &amp; Ride from Meijer Wilder Road</li><li>• Sign-up deadline August 10, 2025</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$40 per person (<i>payment due at sign up</i>) includes ride, driver tip &amp; lunch at UMCH</li><li>• Limited seating</li></ul>
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**Exciting News!**

First, a quick update: Six members of your Church Family, the A/V Task Group, have been working behind the scenes to improve both our sanctuary and online audio/visual experience. We've addressed long-standing concerns from the congregation, Governance Board, and musical groups. After consulting with Simoni Systems, technicians visited the church to evaluate and adjust our equipment.

While some improvements were made, our current A/V system—now 15 to 30 years old—is outdated and challenging for volunteers to use. Simoni has recommended upgrades to our projection, camera, and sound systems. Given the system's age, we're starting with the **sound system**, with new components and staff training estimated at **\$16,000**.

**Now for the exciting part! An anonymous donor has pledged to match up to \$7,500 in congregation donations made by mid-October!** That means we only need to raise **\$8,500 over the next 10 weeks** to move forward.

St. Luke's is growing—and it's thanks to your continued support and involvement. Let's make this "SOUND" investment together!

**Dan Morgan & Henry Roeder, Fundraising Co-Chairs**  
**Leon Beaudin, Master of Sound**

**Mon Aug 4, 2025**

12:00 pm Golden Friends

**Tue Aug 5, 2025**

10:30 am Needleworkers Meet-up

**Wed Aug 6, 2025**

10:30 am Wednesday Weavers

**Thu Aug 7, 2025**

6:30 pm Thursday Bible Study – Cotton Patch Gospel

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Fri Aug 8, 2025**

6:00 pm Puzzle Contest

**Sat Aug 9, 2025**

11:00 am Needleworkers Outdoors

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Sun Aug 10-Sat Aug 16, 2025**

Annual Rummage Set-up &amp; Sale

Actual sale is 14th – 16th

**Tue Aug 12, 2025**

10:30 am Needleworkers Meet-up

**Wed Aug 13, 2025**

10:30 am Wednesday Weavers

6:30 pm Needleworkers Meet-up

**Thu, Aug 14, 2025**

8a – 4p Rummage Sale

6:30 pm Thursday Bible Study – Cotton Patch Gospel

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Fri Aug 15, 2025**

8a – 4p Rummage Sale

**Sat Aug 16, 2025**

8a – 4p Rummage Sale

9:00 am U.M.M. Breakfast @ Krzysiak's

9:30a-1:30p Salvation Army Soup Kitchen

Volunteers L-TBD

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Mon Aug 18, 2025**

6:30 pm UWIF Executive Meeting

**Tue Aug 19, 2025**

10:30 am Needleworkers Meet-up

6:30 pm Missions Meeting in Esther's Parlor

**Wed Aug 20, 2025**

10:30 am Wednesday Weavers

**Thu Aug 21, 2025**

6:30 pm Thursday Bible Study – Cotton Patch Gospel

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Sat Aug 23, 2025**

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Mon Aug 25, 2025**

6:30 pm Governance Board Meeting

**Tue Aug 26, 2025**

10:30 am Needleworkers Meet-up

**Wed Aug 27, 2025**

10:30 am Wednesday Weavers

6:30 pm Needleworkers Meet-up

**Thu Aug 28, 2025**

6:30 pm Thursday Bible Study – Cotton Patch Gospel

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Sat Aug 30, 2025**

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Mon Sep 1, 2025**

All day Labor Day

**Tue Sep 2, 2025**

9:30 am Trustees and others – church maintenance

10:30 am Needleworkers Meet-up

**Wed Sep 3, 2025**

10:30 am Wednesday Weavers

**Thu Sep 4, 2025**

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Sat Sep 6, 2025**

9:00 am U.M.M. Breakfast @ Krzysiak's

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Tue Sep 9, 2025**

9:30 am Trustees and others – church maintenance

10:30 am Needleworkers Meet-up

**Wed Sep 10, 2025**

10:30 am Wednesday Weavers

6:30 pm Needleworkers Meet-up

**Thu Sep 11, 2025**

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Sat Sep 13, 2025**

All day Church reserved / Carnival to benefit BARE charity

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Sun Sep 14, 2025**

10:00 am Worship Service / UWIF and Missions Sunday

**Tue Sep 16, 2025**

9:30 am Trustees and others – church maintenance

10:30 am Needleworkers Meet-up

**Wed Sep 17, 2025**

10:30 am Wednesday Weavers

6:30 pm Needleworkers Meet-up

# Volunteers

## Serving This Sunday

### **Liturgist**

Becky Scott

### **Children's Church**

Ann Talaga and Sheila Good

### **Ushers**

Henry Roeder, Joe Fleming,  
and alternates

### **Communion Servers**

Jodi Shaw, Sue Lind  
Ted Lind, Brenda Kemp

## Serving Next Sunday

### **Liturgist**

Char McGrath

### **Children's Church**

Sheila Good and Brenda Toyzan

### **Ushers**

Henry Roeder, Joe Fleming,  
and alternates

## **Acolytes**

*(varies week to week)*

**Connor Yagiela, Lauren Yagiela, Jazzlyn Jones,  
Kyliana Green, Ethan Lanava**

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## Altar Flowers

**Today's altar flowers are given by Remy Holmes in honor of family.**

*The signup form for arranging altar flowers to adorn the sanctuary during Sunday's Worship service is available on the bulletin board designated for sign-ups.*

# Stay Connected

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### July 31, 2025 Newsletter

<https://bit.ly/newsletter-2025-07-31>

# Staff

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## Adult Sunday School

Fall, Winter, Spring  
9:00 am in Esther's Parlor

## Children's Church:

Following Children's Message  
in Classroom 3