

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 12, 2026

WELCOME

Pastor Kelli

PRELUDE O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing,
Lisa Kerr, piano

arr. Victor Labenske

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Abbey Reed

Friends, please rise to your feet, or rise in your heart, as we offer our Call to Worship before God.

One: People of God, come and remember the love that first called us here.

All: We come seeking the Spirit who renews and revives us.

One: Through every generation, God has been at work among ordinary people.

All: We are part of God's story, rooted in faith and growing in hope.

One: Christ calls us beyond routine religion into lives of purpose and grace.

All: We open our hearts to God's transforming love.

One: Let us worship the God who is not finished with us yet!

All: We come with joy! Ready to follow where God leads. Alleluia! Amen.

Please remaining standing for our Gathering Hymn, More Love to Thee, O Christ.

*GATHERING HYMN

More Love to Thee, O Christ UMH 453

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION & NEW LIFE

George Meinecke

You may be seated [pause for folx to settle.]

Friends, please join me as we pray together our prayer for transformation and new life.

Gracious God, awaken us to your presence and your purpose. Renew our hearts with the love that first called us to follow you. Where we have grown weary, kindle new hope. Where we have become comfortable, inspire fresh courage. Transform us by your Spirit, that we may live as faithful and joyful disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

George Meinecke

Siblings in Christ, hear the good news: God's love never gives up on us, Christ's grace is always enough for us, and the Spirit is still at work within us. Thanks be to God!

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

George Meinecke

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Let us exchange signs of Christ's peace with one another.

***HYMN** O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (vs 1, 2) UMH 57

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Abbey Reed

You may be seated.

Today's scripture lesson comes from the Book of Revelation, chapter two, verses one through five.

One: Listen for the Word of God.

All: Our ears are open.

Revelation 2:1-5

2 "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands:

²"I know your works, your toil and your endurance. I know that you cannot tolerate evildoers; you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not and have found them to be false. ³I also know that you are enduring and bearing up for the sake of my name and that you have not grown weary. ⁴But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. ⁵Remember, then, from where you have fallen; repent and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.

One: Friends, this is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Don't Be Weary, Traveler arr. H.T. Burleigh Amanda Rindlisbach,
soprano

SERMON

Methodism Still Matters: A Movement is Born

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing UMH 400

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Abbey Reed

Part of what we do in worship is to lift the joys and concerns of our world and our lives in prayer. Let us gather our hearts together as we turn to God in prayer. Let us pray...

Ever-present and Renewing God, we praise you for your faithfulness through every generation. Long before we were here, you were at work in the lives of ordinary people—calling, guiding, forgiving, and renewing. We give thanks for the witness of John Wesley, Susanna Wesley, and the Methodist movement. Thank you for the saints who built this congregation and for all whose prayers, service, and faith have brought us to this day.

This morning, we lift the prayers of our community, our nation, and our world before you. Gracious God, we pray for those struggling to make ends meet, for workers seeking livable

wages, for people burdened by rising costs, and for all who worry about how they will provide for themselves and those they love.

We pray for leaders in every nation and at every level of government. Lord, grant them wisdom, humility, and courage to seek the common good. Where power is abused, bring accountability. Where fear is weaponized to divide people, raise up voices to witness to truth and compassion. Where policies harm our most vulnerable neighbors, stir hearts toward justice and mercy.

We pray for places torn apart by war and famine—especially the people of Iran, Gaza, Ukraine, and Sudan. For all your children living under the shadow of violence and fear, grant protection in times of danger and comfort in times of loss. Bless and strengthen those providing humanitarian aid and guide leaders toward peace and provision. May we never grow numb to suffering, but instead become instruments of your healing.

In times marked by division, Holy Spirit, lead us in the ways of love. In places of injustice, raise up courage. In moments of fear, help us become people of hope. Show us how to be faithful disciples of Jesus in this time and this place.

As we turn our hearts to our own needs, we pray for those carrying heavy burdens this morning. We lift up those who are grieving, those struggling with illness. People facing uncertainty and those longing for peace in body, mind, or spirit. Draw near to all who feel lonely, weary, or afraid. Surround them with your comfort and strength.

Lord, these are the prayers we have spoken aloud, but you alone know the prayers carried silently in each heart here today. Hear us, as we lift our personal prayers and intentions to you now...

[pause]

Incline your ear, O God, to the spoken and unspoken prayers of your people this day. We lift them to you in the mighty and matchless name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying together:

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

Abbey Reed

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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Abbey Reed

Friends, revival begins when ordinary people respond to God's extraordinary grace. Through our prayers, our service, and our generosity, we participate in God's work of renewal and hope. As an act of gratitude for all God has given us, let us present our tithes and offerings to God at this time.

OFFERATORY MUSIC

Hollingsworth, baritone

I Then Shall Live

arr. Lloyd Larson

Marshal

DOXOLOGYPraise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 94

HOLY COMMUNION

Sung Responses UMH 17

*Invitation to the Table**Pastor Kelli*

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: 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.

Through every generation, you have called ordinary people
 to do extraordinary things through your grace.
 When we wandered, you remained faithful.
 When hearts grew cold, you kindled new fire.
 When the world longed for hope, you raised up witnesses to your love.

George Meinecke

In every age, you have renewed your church,
 calling us back to the love we had at first.
 Through the faith of those who came before us,
 through the witness of this congregation,
 and through the movement called Methodism,
 you have continued your work of grace in the world.

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ.
 Jesus proclaimed good news to the poor,
 welcomed those who had been pushed aside,
 healed the brokenhearted,
 and called people into a life of love and grace.

When religion became routine,
 Jesus called people back to the heart of faith.
 When fear ruled the day,
 Jesus taught the way of courage and compassion.
 Through his life, death, and resurrection,
 you opened the way to new life for all people.

On the night in which Jesus offered his life for us,
 Jesus took bread, gave thanks to God, 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."

Abbey Reed

When the supper was over, he 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 cup.
 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 love and sent by his grace.

Pastor Kelli

Revive us where we have grown weary.
 Renew us where we have lost our way.
 Rekindle in us the love that first called us to follow.
 Make us people of hope in a hurting world,
 people of courage in fearful times,
 and people of love wherever you send us.

By your Spirit, unite us with Christ,
 with one another,
 and with all your people in every time and place,
 until that day when we feast at your heavenly banquet

and all creation is made new.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God,
now and forever. Amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION Lisa Kerr, piano

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Pastor Kelli

***SENDING HYMN** The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve TFWS 2241

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Pastor Kelli

My sisters and brothers, my dear siblings in Christ, hear the good news: God is still moving, still renewing, and still making all things new.

And so, may God the Creator strengthen you for the journey ahead.

May God the Redeemer fill you with hope and purpose.

And may God the Sustainer renew your spirit and send you forth in love.

We go in peace to serve our neighbor, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the One Mother of us all. Amen.

POSTLUDE Children of the Heavenly Father arr. Stephen Nielson
Lisa Kerr, piano