

ORDER OF WORSHIP AUGUST 30, 2026

WELCOME

Pastor Kelli

PRELUDE

The Open Table

Mark A. Miller

Amanda Rindlisbach,

soprano

*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.

Come, people of God, for Christ invites us to the feast of God's grace.

We come with open hearts, ready to receive God's love.

Lay aside your worries, your work, and all that weighs you down.

We come to find rest, joy, and hope in God's presence.

There is a place for everyone at God's table.

We come with gratitude, ready to worship and rejoice.

Let us worship the God who welcomes us with grace and fills our lives with joy.

We come with thankful hearts. Amen.

Please remaining standing for our Gathering Hymn,

*HYMN

I Come with Joy

UMH 617

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

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

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

God of grace and welcome, thank you for inviting us to your table. Forgive us when we become too busy, too distracted, or too worried to receive the life you offer. Help us let go of the things that keep us from you. Fill us with your joy, renew our spirits, and teach us to make room for what matters most. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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Siblings in Christ, hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. God's grace is freely given, God's table is ready, and God's welcome is for all. Thanks be to God! Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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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** Let Us Break Bread Together UMH 618

***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

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Please remain standing for the reading of the Gospel.

Today's Scripture Lesson is the parable of The Wedding Banquet in the Gospel of Luke, chapter fourteen, verses fifteen through twenty-four, from The Message.

One: Listen for the Word of God.

All: Our ears are open.

Luke 14:15-24

15 That triggered a response from one of the guests: "How fortunate the one who gets to eat dinner in God's kingdom!"

16-17 Jesus followed up. "Yes. For there was once a man who threw a great dinner party and invited many. When it was time for dinner, he sent out his servant to the invited guests, saying, 'Come on in; the food's on the table.'

18 "Then they all began to beg off, one after another making excuses. The first said, 'I bought a piece of property and need to look it over. Send my regrets.'

19 "Another said, 'I just bought five teams of oxen, and I really need to check them out. Send my regrets.'

20 "And yet another said, 'I just got married and need to get home to my wife.'

21 "The servant went back and told the master what had happened. He was outraged and told the servant, 'Quickly, get out into the city streets and alleys. Collect all who look like they need a square meal, all the misfits and homeless and down-and-out you can lay your hands on, and bring them here.'

22 "The servant reported back, 'Master, I did what you commanded—and there's still room.'

23-24 "The master said, 'Then go to the country roads. Whoever you find, drag them in. I want my house full! Let me tell you, not one of those originally invited is going to get so much as a bite at my dinner party.'"

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

All: Thanks be to God!

You may be seated.

(11:00) ANTHEM

Draw the Circle Wide

Mark A. Miller

Drop-In

Choir

SERMON

Parables of Jesus: The Wedding Banquet

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

All Who Hunger

TFWS 2126

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE*Abbey Reed***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*

Everything we have comes from God. As we bring our gifts today, we respond with gratitude for God's abundant grace and generous welcome. May these offerings help extend Christ's invitation, bringing hope, love, and new life to our neighbors and our community. Let us give with joyful hearts.

OFFERTORY

Dr. Daniel Cummings, piano

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

From the beginning, you have called your people
to walk in your ways of love and grace.
When we wandered, you welcomed us home.
When we turned away, you remained faithful, always inviting us into the joy of
your kingdom.

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 taught with stories that revealed your kingdom,
welcomed all who would come,
and called people to lives of grace and love.
Through his life, death, and resurrection, you overcame sin and death
and opened the way to abundant and everlasting life.

On the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us,
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he 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, 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,
Pastor Kelli

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.

Open our eyes to see our neighbors.
 Open our hearts to receive your grace.
 Open our hands to share your generosity.
 Teach us to forgive as we have been forgiven,
 to welcome as we have been welcomed,
 and to rejoice whenever your love changes a life.

By your Spirit, unite us with Christ, with one another,
 and with all your people in every time and place,
 until we gather at your heavenly banquet,
 where every tear is wiped away,
 every outcast is welcomed home,
 and your kingdom comes in all its fullness.

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.

Invitation to the Table

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Dr. Daniel Cummings, piano

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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***SENDING HYMN**

In the Midst of New Dimensions

TFWS 2238

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

People of God, hear the good news: Christ has prepared a place for you at God's table and now sends you into the world to share that same welcome with others.

May God the Father fill your life with joy.

May Jesus Christ lead you in the way of grace and hospitality.

And may the Holy Spirit help you set aside all that keeps you from God's love and the life God longs for you to live.

We go in peace to love and serve our neighbors, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit—one God, the Mother of us all. Amen.

POSTLUDE Dr. Daniel Cummings