



MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

(* Indicates when people are invited to stand)

PRELUDE:

"People Need the Lord"

By McHugh and Nelson

WORDS OF WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 71:1-6)

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

By your grace deliver me and rescue me; bend your ear to me and hear my prayer.
Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress. I cling to you, O Lord, for you are my rock and my salvation.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of those who would harm me.

For you, O Lord, are my hope and my trust; from the days of my youth until this present moment.

I have leaned upon you since my birth; for it is you who brought me from my mother's womb. And so, my praise is continually of you. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Creator God, you who know each of us intimately, you have loved us from before our conception. Before we could hear or speak...you called us each by name, setting each of us apart for your own special purposes. We gather now to hear your words for us. We long to understand your call upon us, even in those times when we seem to resist it, knowing that following you can often be difficult.

So now, as you did with the prophets so long ago, reach out your hand and touch our mouths. Make your words be our words so that all we speak might be to your glory. This we pray in the name of your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus our Christ. **Amen.**

*HYMN: 2009

"O God Beyond All Praising"

vs 1-2

PRAYER OF YEARNING

Eternal God, you knew us before we were conceived. You called us as your own while we were still in our mothers' wombs. Keep watch over us, we pray, for we long to return to your ways. Restore our confidence in times of doubt, for we yearn to be the people you would have us be. Grant us the confidence to go forth unafraid, that we might bless the world through your presence in our lives. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Touch our mouths to speak your truths. Touch our lives to make your ways known to the world. In this we are free. In this we are made whole. In this we shine as your beloved children, strengthened for the journey.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 1:4-10 (MSG)

The Message of Jeremiah son of Hilkiyah of the family of priests who lived in Anathoth in the country of Benjamin. God's Message began to come to him during the thirteenth year that Josiah son of Amon reigned over Judah. It continued to come to him during the time Jehoiakim son of Josiah reigned over Judah. And it continued to come to him clear down to the fifth month of the eleventh year of the reign of Zedekiah son of Josiah over Judah, the year that Jerusalem was taken into exile. This is what God said:

"Before I shaped you in the womb,

I knew all about you.

Before you saw the light of day,

I had holy plans for you:

A prophet to the nations—

that's what I had in mind for you."

But I said, "Hold it, Master God! Look at me.

I don't know anything. I'm only a boy!"

God told me, "Don't say, 'I'm only a boy.'

I'll tell you where to go and you'll go there.

I'll tell you what to say and you'll say it.

Don't be afraid of a soul.

I'll be right there, looking after you."

God's Decree.

God reached out, touched my mouth, and said,

"Look! I've just put my words in your mouth—hand-delivered!

See what I've done? I've given you a job to do

among nations and governments—a red-letter day!

Your job is to pull up and tear down,

take apart and demolish,

And then start over,

building and planting."

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

This is the Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17 (MSG)**

The gospel according to Luke.

He was teaching in one of the meeting places on the Sabbath. There was a woman present, so twisted and bent over with arthritis that she couldn't even look up. She had been afflicted with this for eighteen years. When Jesus saw her, he called her over. "Woman, you're free!" He laid hands on her and suddenly she was standing straight and tall, giving glory to God.

The meeting-place president, furious because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the congregation, "Six days have been defined as work days. Come on one of the six if you want to be healed, but not on the seventh, the Sabbath."

But Jesus shot back, "You frauds! Each Sabbath every one of you regularly unties your cow or donkey from its stall, leads it out for water, and thinks nothing of it. So why isn't it all right for me to untie this daughter of Abraham and lead her from the stall where Satan has had her tied these eighteen years?"

When he put it that way, his critics were left looking quite silly and red-faced. The congregation was delighted and cheered him on.

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REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD: "He Touched Me"

Rev. Andy Oren

HYMN: 273

"Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands"

vs 1-2

OFFERING PRAYER

God of power and might, in times of trial, you are our fortress and our refuge. In thanksgiving and praise for your wonderful gifts, we offer you our tithes and offerings, that others might know the strength of your unshakable kingdom.

Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

"Steal Away to Jesus"

Arr William Farley Smith

***DOXOLOGY: 94**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***AFFIRMATION FROM ROMANS 8:35, 37-39**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

***CLOSING HYMN: 593**

"Here I Am, Lord"

vs 1-3

*BENEDICTION

God has set us free.

God releases us from bondage.

Christ has made us whole.

Christ heals our wounds.

The Spirit has strengthened us for the journey.

God's Spirit sends us forth.

Go with the confidence of God's anointed.



*POSTLUDE:

"Higher Ground"

Arr Vicki Tucker Courtney

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ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Sunday, 9:15

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday, 9:15

CERAMICS: Mondays, 1-9pm

CHANCEL CHOIR: Thursday, 6:30-7:25pm (starting 8/28)

JOYFUL BELLS: Thursday, 7:30-8:30pm (starting 8/28)

DINING OUT GROUP: Sept 13th, Benny's Café, 5354 S. 27th St, 5pm

SASSY SOWERS: 1st Tuesday & 3rd Thursday, 10am-1pm

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: 3rd Tuesday, 9am at Myers

MEN'S BREAKFAST: 3rd Thursday, 8:30am at Myers

185th Anniversary Celebration: October 11th, 4pm



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Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9am – 1pm

August	Liturgists	Ushers
24th	Carolyn Ettlie	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang
31st	Linda Brumm	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang
September 7th	Communion Steward Carol Brandenburg	
September	Liturgists	Ushers
7th	Carolyn Ettlie	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang
14th	Lynn Sirna	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang
21st	John Hurley	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang
28th	Connie Ziegler	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang