



MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

(* Indicates when people are invited to stand)

PRELUDE:

"The Heart of Worship"

By Matt Redman

WORDS OF WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather here this day to hear God's word for us.

We praise God for the opportunity to gather together.

We are sent forth from this place to share God's transforming love.

Lord, encourage us and empower us to do your will. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

You have drawn us together this day from a variety of backgrounds, experiences, hopes, and dreams, Lord. Be with us as together we experience your presence and your healing love. Open our hearts and our spirits to receive strength, encouragement, and peace. For we ask this in Jesus' Name.

AMEN.

***HYMN: 557**

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

vs 1-4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we always want to "capture the moment" when something special happens. We have multitudes of photographs that remind us of special times, but they cannot truly capture the feeling in our hearts. We hunger and thirst for your loving touch and your presence. We sometimes think that we should be the only ones who receive these blessings, and we turn our backs on those in need, either by refusing to help or by pretending that the needs do not exist. But you have heard the cries of all who are in need, and you turn to each one with your healing love. Forgive our selfishness and stubbornness. Heal us and turn us again toward pathways of compassion for all your people. For we offer this prayer in Christ's Name. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

You have reached out for the Lord, seeking God's healing power. It is given to you through God's awesome love. Receive the love of God. Reach out to others with that same compassion.

AMEN.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 (NIV)

This is what the Lord says:

“Maintain justice

and do what is right,

for my salvation is close at hand

and my righteousness will soon be revealed.

And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord

to minister to him,

to love the name of the Lord,

and to be his servants,

all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it

and who hold fast to my covenant—

these I will bring to my holy mountain

and give them joy in my house of prayer.

Their burnt offerings and sacrifices

will be accepted on my altar;

for my house will be called

a house of prayer for all nations.”

The Sovereign Lord declares—

he who gathers the exiles of Israel:

“I will gather still others to them

besides those already gathered.”

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 133 (NIV)

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.

It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion.

For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

EPISTLE: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 (NIV)

I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew.

For God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

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***GOSPEL: Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28 (NIV)**

The gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen and understand. What goes into someone’s mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them.”

Then the disciples came to him and asked, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?”

He replied, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.”

Peter said, “Explain the parable to us.”

“Are you still so dull?” Jesus asked them. “Don’t you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? But the things that come out of a person’s mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them.”

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.”

Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”

He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”

The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said.

He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

“Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”

Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON GOD’S WORD

Pastor Rob Odum

HYMN: 553

“And Are We Yet Alive”

vs 1-4

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God,
Everything we have comes from your hand, and we offer these gifts back to you with grateful hearts. Bless this offering and use it to strengthen our community, care for those in need, and bring light to the world around us. Dedicate both our treasure and our daily lives to your service.
Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *“When God Restored Our Common Life”* *USA Folk Melody*

***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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. 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: 157** *“Jesus Shall Reign”* *vs 1-4*

***BENEDICTION**

Jesus’ love and compassion has been poured out for you today. Go into the world in confidence, bearing forgiveness and love for all God’s people. Go in peace.
AMEN.

***POSTLUDE:** *“One Day”* *Arr Stan Pethel*

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August	Liturgists	Ushers
23rd	Connie Ziegler	Don Reid, Tom Rowe & Richard Gosetti
30th	Lina Brumm	Don Reid, Tom Rowe & Richard Gosetti

JOIN US EACH WEEK
AFTER THE SERVICE
AS WE FELLOWSHIP
WITH ONE ANOTHER!



Pastor Rob would like to have the coffee hours again in the Chapel Lounge after church service. This would include having coffee and light refreshments available. Please consider assisting in this project.

The following is the only date that has been filled in by volunteers:

***Sunday, August 23rd**

(sponsored by Cyndi Eickstaedt & Philip Gruntzel)

Please sign up on the form on the pedestal in the chapel lounge for a Sunday in August or September.

Thank you~~Mary Schultz



Please consider signing up to be an usher. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Volunteers are still needed for September-December.

Thank you!



Thank you to all who donated to UMCOR for the tornado disaster relief last week. Robert Lange reported that ***we raised almost \$1100.00!***

Donations to UMCOR for disaster relief can be made any time.

OUT OF OFFICE



The church office will be closed August 19th – 23rd.



Current Missions collections:

- **School Supplies for Glenwood School**
- **Gently used clothing, shoes, jackets & blankets to go to Father Genes**
- **Travel size soaps, shampoos, toothpaste as well as toothbrushes**

In addition, we are still collecting pull tabs from cans for the Ronald McDonald House.

Wisconsin

The Badger State

Chippewa For "Grassy Place"

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- *Statehood Date - 1848
 - *State Animal - Badger
 - *State Bird - Robin
 - *State Capital - Madison
 - *State Dog - American Water Spaniel
 - *State Domestic Animal - Cow
 - *State Fish - Muskie (Muskellunge)
 - *State Flower - Wood Violet
 - *State Insect - Honeybee
 - *State Motto - "Forward"
 - *State Song - "On Wisconsin"
 - *State Tree - Sugar Maple
 - *State Wildlife Animal - White-Tailed Deer



MONTHLY SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Sunday, 9:15am

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday, 10:30am

CERAMICS: Mondays, 1-9pm

AIKIDO: Mondays from 6:45-8:45pm &
Thursdays from 6:45-8:45pm

NAMI: 1st Wednesday of the month 6:30pm

CHANCEL CHOIR: Resumes Aug. 26th from 6:30-7:15pm

JOYFUL BELLS: Resumes Aug. 26th from 7:30-8:30pm

KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP:

Wednesday, August 12th &

Wednesday, August 26th from 1-3pm

SASSY SOWERS: (new time!)

1st Tuesday & 3rd Thursday, 9:30am-Noon

DINING OUT GROUP: The next group meeting will
be announced soon. Please watch your bulletin
and newsletter for updates.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: The 3rd Tuesday (Aug. 18th),
9am at Zebb's Restaurant,
2701 W Morgan Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53221

MEN'S BREAKFAST: 3rd Thursday (Aug 20th),
8:30am at Meyers, 4260 S 76th St, Greenfield

SCRIPT CARD PROGRAM:

Orders for Script Cards (gift cards) are due on
the 3rd Sunday of each month.

SOUP BOWL SUNDAY WITH CAFÉ: Sunday,
September 20th (sponsored by Ceramic Class)

OKTOBERFEST PORK DINNER:

Saturday, October 24th (fundraiser for MUMC)

YARN EXTRAVAGANZA 2:

Friday & Saturday, November 13 & 15th

QUILT BLESSING: Sunday, November 22nd

BLOOD DRIVE: Tuesday, December 8th from 1-6pm

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

