



MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026

(* Indicates when people are invited to stand)

PRELUDE: "Change My Heart Oh God" By Eddie Espinosa

WORDS OF WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who are empty, all who are weary, all who have known the winter of grief.

We come seeking a refuge, a place to rest under the wings of the Living God.

Come, you who feel like strangers or outsiders, wondering if you belong.

Here, we are met with God's fierce, unwavering, and welcoming love.

Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God.

Let us worship the Lord together, the One who turns our mourning into dancing!

OPENING PRAYER

Living and Faithful God, You are the Weaver of stories and the Redeemer of lost things. We praise You this morning because You do not abandon us in the valleys of our lives. When we see only famine, You are already preparing a harvest. When we walk in emptiness, You are already preparing a home. Open our hearts today to hear the story of Your quiet, persistent providence. Knit us together as a community of love, where the vulnerable are protected, the stranger is welcomed, and Your faithfulness is made visible in our care for one another. Send Your Spirit upon us as we worship, that we might see Your hand at work in our own lives and generations. In the name of Christ, our ultimate Redeemer, we pray.

Amen.

***HYMN: 540** "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" vs 1-4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of you Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

OLD TESTAMENT: Ruth 4:14-17 (NRSVUE)

Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin, and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 113 UMH 834

Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.

Praise the Lord!

EPISTLE: Romans 8:28-30 (NRSVUE)

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL: Matthew 1:1-6 (NRSVUE)**

The gospel according to Matthew.

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD

Heidi Careaga

HYMN: 405

"Seek Ye First"

vs 1-2

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God, You are the source of every harvest, and Your faithfulness sustains us through every season. We bring these gifts to You now—not out of obligation, but out of gratitude for how You fill our emptiness with Your abundance. Bless these offerings and multiply them, so that our church may be a field of grace where the hungry find nourishment, the stranger finds a home, and Your redeeming love is made visible to all. In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

"Into My Heart"

By Harry D. Clarke

***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.

PREACHER'S 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: 3040**

"You Are My All in All"

vs 1-2

***BENEDICTION**

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May He grant you the courage of Ruth to step out into the unknown, the generous heart of Boaz to open your fields and your hands, and the restored joy of Naomi to see God's goodness in the land of the living. And as you go from this place, remember that you do not walk alone. May the wings of the Almighty shelter you, the grace of Christ sustain you, and the Holy Spirit bind you together in a love that never lets go.

Go forth in joy, to love and serve the Lord.

Amen.

***POSTLUDE:**

"Take the Name of Jesus With You"

Arr Cindy Berry

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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 are the date have been filled by volunteers:

***Sunday, July 26th (Peggy Stoekl)**

***Sunday, August 2nd (sponsored by CHAOS)**

Please sign up on the form on the pedestal in the chapel lounge for a Sunday in June & July. Thank you~~Mary Schultz



July	Liturgists	Ushers
26th	Connie Ziegler	Mike & Hope Fails

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



***Please welcome Heide Careage
as our Guest Preacher***

MONTHLY SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Sunday, 9:15am

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Sunday, 10:30am

CERAMICS: Mondays, 1-9pm

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

CHANCEL CHOIR: No Summer Meetings

JOYFUL BELLS: No Summer Meetings

KNITTING/CRCHETING GROUP:

Wednesday, August 12th &
Wednesday, August 26th from 1-3pm

SASSY SOWERS: (new time!)

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

DINING OUT GROUP: Dinner will be

Tuesday, August 11th at 5pm at:
18025 W Capitol Dr, Brookfield, 53045

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: The August meeting date/time is yet to be determined. See your next bulletin & August newsletter for more information.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: 3rd Thursday, 8:30am at
Meyers, 4260 S 76th St, Greenfield,
WI 53220

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