



MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026

(* Indicates when people are invited to stand)

PRELUDE: *"I Sing the Almighty Power of God" from Gesangbuch der Herzog*

WORDS OF WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Give thanks to the Lord!

Sing praise to God's name!

The Lord has done wonderful things for us!

The Lord has heaped blessing upon blessing in our lives!

Come, sing, shout, and give thanks to God.

In all our ways, we will continually thank God forever. AMEN

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we come to you this day, seeking your healing and restoring love. Give us courage to reach out to you in the good and easy times as well as in the times of strain and stress. Open our hearts to receive your message of peace and hope. In Jesus' Name, we pray.

AMEN.

***HYMN: 512**

"Stand By Me"

vs 1-4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you know us too well. You know how easy it is for us to come to you and to proclaim loudly of our faith when all is going well. But when the waters get rough and the waves threaten to swamp our little boats, we cry and wail in fear. We are sure that these waves will be the very things that destroy us. Over the wind and the waves you call to us to place our trust in you. That's not so easy for us. We are so used to getting lots of reassurances and written guarantees of safety. But still you call to us. Help us take our focus off the wind and the waves and place our gaze directly on you. Attune our hearts and our lives to hear your call and to respond in faith. For we offer this prayer in the name of Jesus. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Don't be afraid. Jesus is with you at all times. You are healed, forgiven, and loved. Come and live in the love of the Lord.

AMEN.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

SUMMER CHOIR

"The Lily of the Valley"

William Hays

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 (NIV)

Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan.

This is the account of Jacob's family line.

Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.

Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

Now his brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, and Israel said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them."

"Very well," he replied.

So he said to him, "Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me." Then he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron.

When Joseph arrived at Shechem, a man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, "What are you looking for?"

He replied, "I'm looking for my brothers. Can you tell me where they are grazing their flocks?" "They have moved on from here," the man answered. "I heard them say, 'Let's go to Dothan.'"

So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan. But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him.

"Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. "Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams."

When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. "Let's not take his life," he said. "Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don't lay a hand on him." Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father.

So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing—and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it.

As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt.

Judah said to his brothers, “What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? Come, let’s sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood.” His brothers agreed.

So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,

you his servants, the descendants of Abraham, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.

He called down famine on the land and destroyed all their supplies of food;

and he sent a man before them—Joseph, sold as a slave.

They bruised his feet with shackles, his neck was put in irons,

till what he foretold came to pass, till the word of the Lord proved him true.

The king sent and released him, the ruler of peoples set him free.

He made him master of his household, ruler over all he possessed,

to instruct his princes as he pleased and teach his elders wisdom.

Praise the Lord.

EPISTLE: Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV)**

The gospel according to Matthew.

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD

Pastor Rob Odum

HYMN: 474

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

vs 1-3

OFFERING PRAYER

The richness of God's mercy is poured over us every minute of our lives, even when we least expect it. We offer our gifts and tithes in gratitude for all that God does for and with us, that we might become better servants of the Gospel.

AMEN.

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

"My Life Flows On"

Robert Lowry

***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.

PASTOR'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: 2140** *"Since Jesus Came into My Heart"* *vs 1-4*

*BENEDICTION

You have been embraced by the love of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and blessed by Jesus to go into this world to offer healing and hope. Go in peace.

AMEN.

***POSTLUDE:** *"Love Lifted Me"* *Arr Stan Pethel*

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August	Liturgists	Ushers
9th	Lynn Sirna	Don Reid, Tom Rowe & Richard Gosetti
16th	John Hurley	Don Reid, Tom Rowe & Richard Gosetti
23rd	Connie Ziegler	Don Reid, Tom Rowe & Richard Gosetti
30th	Lina Brumm	Don Reid, Tom Rowe & Richard Gosetti

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 only dates that have been filled in by volunteers:

***Sunday, August 9th (Jean & Tom Rowe)**

***Sunday, August 23rd (sponsored by Cyndi Eickstaedt & Philip Gruntzel)**

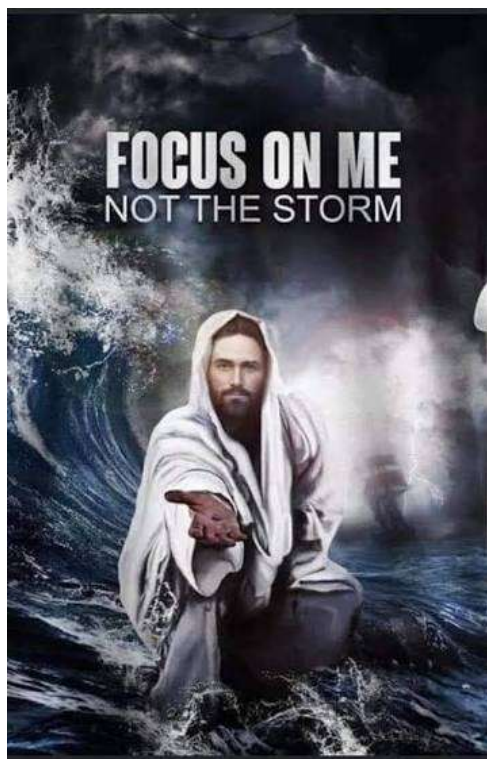
Please sign up on the form on the pedestal in the chapel lounge for a Sunday in August or September.
Thank you~~Mary Schultz



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.



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



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/CRCHEATING 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 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, 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