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# MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

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(* Indicates when people are invited to stand)

PRELUDE: *"I Worship You, Almighty God"* By Sondra Corbett-Wood

WORDS OF WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Set our minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth!

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ who is our life appears, then we also will appear with him in glory!

PASTORAL PRAYER

Gracious God, we come before you, recognizing your sovereignty over all things. We confess that our hearts are often drawn to earthly treasures, and we seek to build up our own barns rather than investing in your eternal kingdom. Forgive us, Lord, when we forget that our lives are hidden with Christ in you. Help us to put to death what is earthly within us: greed, anger, and all malice. Clothe us instead with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. May your peace rule in our hearts, and may we live lives that honor and glorify you, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***HYMN: 73** *"O Worship the King"* 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 your 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.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

OLD TESTAMENT: Hosea 11:1-11 (NIV)

“When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.

But the more they were called,
the more they went away from me.

They sacrificed to the Baals
and they burned incense to images.

It was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
taking them by the arms;

but they did not realize
it was I who healed them.

I led them with cords of human kindness,
with ties of love.

To them I was like one who lifts
a little child to the cheek,
and I bent down to feed them.

“Will they not return to Egypt
and will not Assyria rule over them
because they refuse to repent?

A sword will flash in their cities;
it will devour their false prophets
and put an end to their plans.

My people are determined to turn from me.
Even though they call me God Most High,
I will by no means exalt them.

“How can I give you up, Ephraim?

How can I hand you over, Israel?

How can I treat you like Admah?

How can I make you like Zeboyim?

My heart is changed within me;
all my compassion is aroused.

I will not carry out my fierce anger,
nor will I devastate Ephraim again.

For I am God, and not a man—
the Holy One among you.

I will not come against their cities.

They will follow the Lord;
he will roar like a lion.

When he roars,
his children will come trembling from the west.
They will come from Egypt,
trembling like sparrows,
from Assyria, fluttering like doves.
I will settle them in their homes,”
declares the Lord.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

This is the Word of God, for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 107:1-9, 43 (NIV)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.

Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle.

They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away.

Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

Let the one who is wise heed these things and ponder the loving deeds of the Lord.

EPISTLE: Colossians 3:1-11 (NIV)

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21(NIV)

The gospel according to Luke.

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’”

“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’”

“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’”

“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON GOD’S WORD

Pastor Rob Odum

***HYMN: 2123**

“Loving Spirit”

vs 1-4

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Bountiful God, we present these offerings to you, not from an abundance of earthly possessions, but from hearts grateful for your boundless love and provision. We remember the rich fool who stored up treasures for himself and was not rich toward God. May these gifts be used to further your kingdom, to share the good news of Christ, and to serve those in need, for your glory alone.

Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

“You Who Are Thirsty”

By Barbara Ross

***DOXOLOGY: 94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

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 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. At his ascension you exalted him to sit and reign with you at your right hand.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, 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, and on these gifts of bread and wine. 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 blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

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.

SERVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, as we have shared together of your body and your blood, remind us that we are called to share of ourselves with all who we might encounter. Help us to welcome the stranger, the outcast, the unloved and the forgotten. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: 102**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

vs 1-3

***BENEDICTION**

Go now, and may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. May you seek the things that are above, and live as those who have been raised with Christ, until His glorious appearing.

Amen.

***POSTLUDE:**

"Rock of Ages"

Arr Vicki Tucker Courtney

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Adult Bible Study, Sunday, 9:15am

Children's Sunday School, Sunday, 9:15am

Ceramics, Mondays, 1:00pm-9:00 pm

Chancel Choir, Thursday, 6:30pm (dark in summer)

Joyful Bells, Thursday, 7:30pm (dark in summer)

Sassy Sowers, 1st Tuesday & 3rd Thursday, 10am-1pm

Women's Breakfast, 3rd Tuesday, 9am

Men's Breakfast, 3rd Thursday, 8:30am

SCIENCE CAFÉ

Tuesday ~ August 12th

at Cudahy UMC

Dinner at 5:00 PM

Program from 5:30 - 7:30 PM

**Advancing the Science: The Latest in
Alzheimer's and Dementia Research**

Join us for a free dinner and learn more about Alzheimer's and Dementia. Participate in a discussion and learn more about research findings and how they relate to your health. Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM.

Contact Pastor Rob if you plan to attend or register online at: <https://is.gd/Sciencecafe>

NOTE: Please register no less than 7 days before event.



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