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I have seen
THE GOODNESS
— of God —

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**MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

August 30, 2026  
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(* Indicates when people are invited to stand)

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE:

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Trad. Spanish Melody

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

O give thanks to the Lord.

We call on God’s name.

Make known the deeds of our Creator,
singing them into the world.

Sing to God, O people.

We will sing praise—

to tell of God’s wondrous works,

and give thanks for so many miracles.

Come, and seek the presence of the Lord—

and glory in God’s holy name.

Let the hearts of all who seek the Holy rejoice,

for God brings strength to all the people.

OPENING PRAYER

Creator God, who shall we say that you are? By what name can we call you— that would be enough to speak of all that you are and all that you shall be? We can only call you ‘I Am,’ for you Were—and Are— and always Will Be—the Holy One. You call us by name and invite us to come to you. We answer, “Here I am,” and come to stand on holy ground. May we remember that all ground is holy ground, for you are in all times and places— calling us to our lives each moment.

Amen.

***HYMN: 116**

“The God of Abraham Praise”

vs 1-4

PRAYER OF YEARNING

God of our ancestors, God of us, we long to live as you call us to do, letting love be true, hating what is evil, and holding fast to what is good. But we do not always manage to tell what is evil and what is good. We do not always manage to choose that which gives life rather than steals it. And so we become a stumbling block, when we mean to be a stepping stone. God of our hearts, we yearn for your strength to let go the evil and choose the good. We seek your presence to stay with us in our own suffering and to keep us present to the suffering of others. We long for you to take our struggles and turn them into strengths. We ache to take our stumbling and turn it to steps on the journey, growing nearer to you. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God of our lives, we have cried to you in our pain. You have heard our suffering and stayed with us through our struggle. You have never left us alone. When we have been hungry, you have fed us. When we have been thirsty, you have refreshed us. When we have been angry, you have brought us to peace. You give us patience, God, and help us to persevere until you and we can rejoice again in hope.

Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Family in faith, rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep . . . and so far, as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

OLD TESTAMENT: Exodus 3:1-15 (NIV)

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."

"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain. Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'"

God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.'

"This is my name forever,
the name you shall call me
from generation to generation.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c (NIV)

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.

Then Israel entered Egypt; Jacob resided as a foreigner in the land of Ham.

The Lord made his people very fruitful;

he made them too numerous for their foes, whose hearts he turned to hate his people,

to conspire against his servants.

He sent Moses his servant, and Aaron, whom he had chosen.

Praise the Lord.

EPISTLE: Romans 12:9-21 (NIV)

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary:

“If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.”

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28 (NIV)**

The gospel according to Matthew.

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”

Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

“Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON GOD’S WORD

Luis Chavarria

HYMN: 2242

“Walk With Me”

vs 1-4

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, you have done marvelous things, wondrous works for us and for all your people. May we make your deeds known—your miracles told and your glory sung in our prayer and praise. May your blessings flow through our lives and into the world.

Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”

George Henry Day

***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: 431** *“Let There Be Peace on Earth”*

***BENEDICTION**

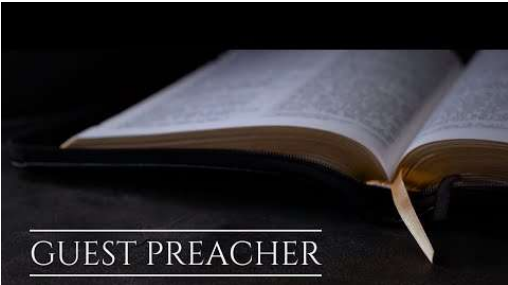
People of God, live in harmony with one another and peaceably with all. Go forth, to serve in genuine love.
Amen.

***POSTLUDE:** *“Mighty Is Our God”* *Greco, Gustafson, Moen*

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August	Liturgists	Ushers
30th	Lina Brumm	Don Reid, Tom Rowe & Richard Gosetti
September	Liturgists	Ushers
6th	Connie Ziegler	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang
13th	Lynn Sirna	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang
20th	John Hurley	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang
27th	Carolyn Ettlie	Peter Fetzer & Jackson Lang



August 30th	Luis Chavarria
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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: Thursdays from 6:30-7:15pm

JOYFUL BELLS: Thursdays from 7:30-8:30pm

KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP:

Wednesday, September 9th &
Wednesday, September 23rd from 1-3pm

SASSY SOWERS: (new time!)

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

DINING OUT GROUP: Wednesday, September 2nd
at 5pm at: Fortune Restaurant, 2945 S 108th St,
Milwaukee, WI 53227

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: The 3rd Tuesday (Sept. 15th), at
9am at 84th Classic Café,
1650 S 84th St, West Allis, WI 53214

MEN'S BREAKFAST: 3rd Thursday (Sept 17th),
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- Sunday, November 13, 14 & 15
from 9:00 to 3:00 pm

QUILT BLESSING: Sunday, November 22nd

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



Sunday October 4th 2pm

At Blessed Hope UMC

*Please bring your pet on a leash or
in a carrier*



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Tom Rowe, Greg Ettlie

Office Administrator: Peggy Leonhardt

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