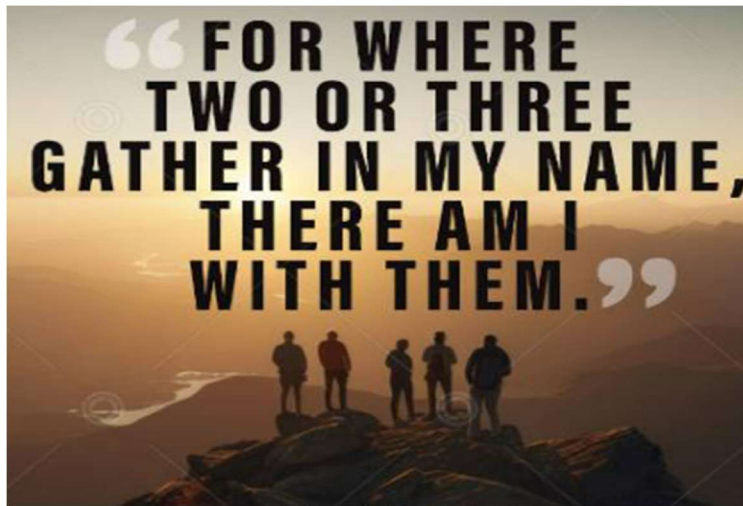




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## MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

September 6, 2026

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(* Indicates when people are invited to stand)

PRELUDE:

“El Shaddai”

By Card and Thompson

WORDS OF WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Shout praise to God!

Let us praise God with music and great joy!

God looks upon us with favor.

God rejoices in our loving compassion for others.

Thanks be to God who offers to us new life.

Praise be to Jesus Christ who taught us how to live. AMEN

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we come this day to worship and thank you for the many ways you guide our lives. We ask that our hearts, our ears, and our spirits may be open to your healing words of love. In Jesus' Name, we pray.

Amen.

***HYMN: 2270**

“He Has Made Me Glad”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Lord, we like to think that we do everything well. We pat ourselves on the back when we act with love and mercy toward others, complimenting ourselves in self-righteousness. But you know us better. You know our faults and our failings. You know when we falsely proclaim that we are truly living as you would have us live. Teach us again about your forgiving and healing love. Show us ways of merciful living that we may extend the love and mercy you have

given us to others. Forgive us, we pray. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name.
AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rejoice! You are loved by God who judges your failures and heals your hearts and spirits. In Jesus' Name, we all are forgiven and healed.

Amen

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

OLD TESTAMENT: Ezekiel 33:7-11 (NIV)

"Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. When I say to the wicked, 'You wicked person, you will surely die,' and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

"Son of man, say to the Israelites, 'This is what you are saying: "Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?"' Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?'

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 149 (NIV)

Praise the Lord.

Sing to the Lord a new song,

his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.

Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;

let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

Let them praise his name with dancing

and make music to him with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes delight in his people;

he crowns the humble with victory.

Let his faithful people rejoice in this honor

and sing for joy on their beds.

May the praise of God be in their mouths

and a double-edged sword in their hands,

to inflict vengeance on the nations

and punishment on the peoples,

to bind their kings with fetters,

their nobles with shackles of iron,

to carry out the sentence written against them—

this is the glory of all his faithful people.

Praise the Lord.

EPISTLE: Romans 13:8-14 (NIV)

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20 (NIV)**

The gospel according to Matthew.

“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

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: 408

“The Gift of Love”

vs 1-3

OFFERING PRAYER

Because God has so richly blessed us, let us receive our morning offering in gratitude for all God has done and continues to do in our lives.

Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

“Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive”

Gerald H. Knight

***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 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

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.

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.

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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