The liturgical color is green for Ordinary time

Traditional Worship
Sunday, November 8, 2026

*UMH: United Methodist Hymnal*

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**PRELUDE** "Lobe Den Herren" Hans Friedrich Micheelson
Amy Bender, organist

**WELCOME** Willie Dycks, liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Family of God, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us!
**We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.**
Sometimes we grow weary in the waiting, and we wonder if we are watching and working for nothing.
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Sometimes God surprises, and we are overwhelmed by joy and wonder at all God is doing among us.
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Family of God, whether you are weary or energized, worried or wonder-filled, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us!
**We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN** "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" UMH 662

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CHILDREN'S INVITE**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 78:1-7 NRSV, p. 417

**ANTHEM** "Let Me Listen" Dan Forrest
Chancel Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

**HOLY BAPTISM** *Callan Anthony Brugh* UMH 39
Child of Jocelyn & Anthony Brugh
Born February 11, 2026

**All are invited to stand in body or spirit*

**SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Walk with us and lead us to the feast of everlasting life. **Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**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.**

**MENTOR IN MINISTRY**

**SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*As the plates are being passed, please also take this opportunity to sign the Welcome Book and pass it on.*

**OFFERTORY** "Steal Away" Traditional Spiritual,
arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

***DOXOLOGY #94**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:**
**Praise God, all creatures here below;**
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**
**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**
**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN OF CENTERING** "Let There Be LIght" UMH 440

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 25:1-13 NRSV, p. 702

**MESSAGE** "It Will Be Like This: Keep Awake"
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

***HYMN OF MISSION** "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" UMH 540

*Hymn History*: The words to this hymn were written by Timothy Dwight, one of the most important composers of early American hymns. He was born in 1752 in Northampton, Massachusetts. Dwight was admitted to Yale College (now Yale University) at age 13 and graduated in 1769. Dwight also wrote poetry in addition to hymns. He served as a chaplain to the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. He later became a professor at Yale and in 1795, he became president of the college. He is credited with modernizing the curriculum and improving the spiritual life at Yale. The lyrics of his hymns are based on the Psalms. This hymn is based on Psalm 137. Dwight set this hymn to the music, St. Thomas, written by Aaron Williams (1731-1776), an English singing teacher and composer. Timothy Dwight died in New Haven, Connecticut in 1817.

***BENEDICTION**

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**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.**
**Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.**
**Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.**
**God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**
**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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**POSTLUDE** "Hope Eternal" Edward Broughton

*Liturgy and prayers written by Pastor Steve with assistance from ChatGPT*
*Call to Worship: Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2026.*
*Adapted from Liturgies Alive, Models of Celebration.*

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In Memory of Ray & Vonnie Watson, parents & grandparents

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