A nursery is available on the First Floor for infants and children under 3 years.

After Children's Time, preschool through 5th grade is invited to **Children's Church** in the Children's Wing.

**Altar Flowers:** The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bates by Mike and Cynthia Woodrum.

**Prayer Requests:** Beth Brewer, Gary Brewer, Dan Buckner, Aaron Cohen, Judy Eaker, HJ Fleming, Matt, Gilley, Blaine Gray, Cathy Hanks, David Holder, Toni Holder, Patti Moran, Rita Petoskey, Tracie Powell-Wilkin, Beverly Rakestraw, Jerry Reitzel, Maxine Reynolds, Linda Seifert, Scott Smith, Ann Towery, Shelley Winkler

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Week of July 27

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| Worship Attendance | 136 |
| Gifts to Budget | $4,510 |
| Goal per Week | $15,883 |
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| Year-to-date Budget Goal | $476,501 |
| Year-to-date Budget Received | $277,459 |

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**Church Office Hours**
Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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Brad Gray
*Pastor*

Chad Deetz
*Youth Minister*

Dale Fischer
*Director of Music*

Jennifer Bartless
*Coordinator of Children's Ministry*

Dr. Kristine Lee
*Organist*

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Invite. Grow. Send.

*"The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections."*

**August 3, 2025** **8th Sunday after Pentecost**

11:00 AM Worship Service

Prelude *"Crown Him Lord of All!"* Gilbert M. Martin

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

Show us your ways, O Lord! Lead us in your truth and teach us.

**Open our eyes, minds, and hearts to know your will and to follow it.**

Reveal your vision for us and keep us focused and faithful to what you would have us do.

**Bring us together to worship and work for your purpose and move us forward into your future. Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn *"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"* UMH 361

*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* UMH 881

*Gloria Patri UMH 71

Old Testament Reading Psalm 49: 1-12

1 Hear this, all you peoples; listen, all who live in this world, 2 both low and high, rich and
poor alike: 3 My mouth will speak words of wisdom; the meditation of my heart will give you
understanding. 4 I will turn my ear to a proverb; with the harp I will expound my riddle:
5 Why should I fear when evil days come, when wicked deceivers surround me— 6 those who
trust in their wealth and boast of their great riches? 7 No one can redeem the life of another or
give to God a ransom for them— 8 the ransom for a life is costly, no payment is ever enough—
9 so that they should live on forever and not see decay. 10 For all can see that the wise die, that
the foolish and the senseless also perish, leaving their wealth to others. 11 Their tombs will
remain their houses forever, their dwellings for endless generations, though they
had named lands after themselves. 12 People, despite their wealth, do not endure; they are like
the beasts that perish.

Offering

Offertory *"Ayre"* Georg Philipp Telemann

Kristine Lee, organ

*Doxology *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH 95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Time

Hymn of Preparation *"The Gift of Love"* UMH 408

*During the hymn, you are invited to the altar to join the pastor in assuming a posture of prayer. All are welcome.*

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Anthem *"Worship the King"* Richard Kingsmore

Sanctuary Choir

Gospel Reading Luke 12: 13-21

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with
me." 14 Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" 15 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." 16 And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich
man yielded an abundant harvest. 17 He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place
to store my crops.' 18 "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. 19 And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty
of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."' 20 "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?' 21 "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for
themselves but is not rich toward God."

Sermon *"Bigger Barns"* Chad Deetz

*Hymn *"Take My Life, and Let It Be"* UMH 399

*Benediction

*Postlude *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"* arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick

**Please stand as able*