



August 2, 2026

Whether you are joining us in person or on-line,
know that we are here to journey along with you as we live into our mission: to follow and invite others to follow
Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Remembering our Baptism

Connie Bryant

***Call to Worship**

Jesus Christ, our Lord and our brother,
you have called us to be your one Church.
Make us one in our faith and hope,
and one in our loving service.
Make us one in worship and in daily living.
**Lord Jesus, send your Spirit to make us one
as you want us to be.**

***Hymn Gather Us In TFWS 2236**

***Hymn Help Us Accept Each Other (V1 & 4) UMH 560**

First Lesson Ephesians 4:1-16

Word for Children

Second Lesson John 17:1-23

Message for the Lord's Day Reverend Deborah Coble

***Hymn We Are the Church (V1-3, 5) UMH 558**

Mission and Ministry Moment

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Prayers of the People

Together, let us pray for
the people of this congregation...
for those who are suffering...
for those who don't know where their next meal will come
from and those who are looking for shelter from the cold...
for our troops, police, EMTs, firefighters,
and others in harm's way...

for the earth you have given to our care...
for the Church universal; its leaders, its members, & mission...
for peace and goodwill to all...

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen. *universal

Reception of Members, by Profession of Faith

Jennifer and Tom Palmer

As members of Christ's universal Church,
will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen
its ministries?

We will.

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your
presence,
your gifts, your service and your witness?

We will.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power
to increase their faith,
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

The congregation responds:

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.
As members together with you in the body of Christ
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our
witness,
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will, we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of
the needy.
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence, followed by Words of Assurance

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.

***Prayer after Communion**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn Blest Be the Tie That Binds (V1, 3, 4) UMH 557**

***Benediction**

**Life is short and we have too little time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.
So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind,**

**and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.
Amen.**

Postlude