

Service of *Harvest*

Joint Worship Service

The United Methodist Churches
of
Delmar, Maquoketa & Preston



*"You crown the year
with Your bounty, and Your carts
overflow with abundance."*

Psalm 65:11

August 16th, 2026 at 10:30 am

JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE

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All are welcome here in the name of the Risen Christ!

GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Opening Voluntaries

Announcements

Welcome of first-time visitors & those visiting with family or friends.

Passing the Peace of Christ (Luke 24)

Pastor

Welcome Christ as a fellow traveler on the journey of life. As you share signs of his peace with one another, see his eyes looking back at you.

*Opening Hymn

Come Ye Thankful People, Come

UMH 694

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Beloved people of God, today we gather with grateful hearts to celebrate the abundance of God's blessings. The fields have yielded their harvest, our tables have been filled, and our lives have been sustained by the goodness of the Lord.

People: We come with thanksgiving and praise, for the Lord is good, and His steadfast love endures forever.

Colleen: From the first seed planted to the final harvest gathered, God's faithful hand has provided for every need. The earth belongs to the Lord, and everything in it is a gift of His grace.

People: We lift our voices in gratitude, offering our praise to the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

Pastor: Let us remember those who labor in the fields, those who prepare our daily bread, and all who work to provide for their families and communities.

People: Lord, bless the work of every hand and teach us to share generously with those in need.

Colleen: As we present the fruits of our labor, may we also offer ourselves—our hearts, our time, our talents, and our resources—in joyful service to Christ.

People: We dedicate ourselves anew to God's service, trusting in His faithfulness from season to season.

Pastor: Come, let us worship the Lord, who crowns the year with His goodness and whose paths overflow with abundance.

Colleen: We will enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. We will give thanks to Him and bless His holy name!

All: Let us worship God with joyful hearts! Amen.

*Opening Prayer (from a Catholic liturgy)

All

Merciful God, who is more than we can ever imagine, give us a wider vision of the world; give us a broader view of justice; give us dreams of peace that are not defined by boundaries of geography or race or religion, or by the limitations of

(Opening Prayer Continues)

worldly structures and systems. Open our hearts and our minds that wherever we go, we may know your voice calling us by name; calling us to serve, calling us to share, calling us to praise, so that we never give up on the promise of your kingdom, where the world is transformed, and all can enjoy life in all its fullness. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

UMH 70

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Colleen: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

People: His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: For the sunshine and the rain...

People: We give You thanks, O Lord.

Colleen: For fertile soil, growing crops, and fruitful harvests...

People: We give You thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: For farmers, gardeners, laborers, and all who work to feed the world...

People: We give You thanks, O Lord.

Colleen: For homes, families, churches, and communities...

People: We give You thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: For daily bread, clean water, and every good gift from above...

People: We give You thanks, O Lord.

Colleen: Teach us to be generous as You have been generous to us.

People: May we share our blessings with those in need.

Pastor: Help us to be faithful stewards of Your creation.

People: May we care for the earth and all who dwell in it.

Colleen: May our lives become a harvest of righteousness, justice, compassion, and love.

People: Lord, make us fruitful for Your kingdom.

Pastor: Almighty God, we thank You for every blessing You have poured into our lives. As we celebrate this harvest, remind us that every good and perfect gift comes from You. Fill our hearts with gratitude, our hands with generosity, and our lives with faithful service. May we continue to sow seeds of love, hope, mercy, and peace until the great harvest of Your eternal kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Share the Harvest Presentation

Lonnie Tebbe & Regan Small

Sharing Our Tithes and Offering

Dylan Lippens

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

Reading from the Songs

Psalms 65:9-13

Marie Rossmann

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

Reading from the Old Testament

Joel 2:21-27

Barb Nelson

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

Reading from the Epistle 2 Corinthians 9:6–15
One: The Word of God for the people of God

Wendy Scott

All: Thanks be to God

*Prayer of Dedication

All

Today, we bring these tithes, offerings, and harvest gifts as an act of worship and thanksgiving. We dedicate them to Your service and ask that You receive them as a pleasing offering. May these gifts be used to feed the hungry, care for those in need, strengthen Your Church, proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and extend Your kingdom throughout the world. Bless every giver, every family represented here, every farmer, every worker, and every laborer whose hands have helped bring in this harvest. Continue to provide daily bread for all Your children and make us faithful stewards of all You have entrusted to us. May the seeds we sow today yield a harvest of righteousness, compassion, justice, and peace for generations to come. We dedicate these offerings, our harvest, and ourselves to Your glory alone. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Harvest, we offer our prayers. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation

Hymn of Promise

UMH 707

Message

"I Am the Bread of Life"

Rev. Cephas Davis

*Responsive Hymn

Special Music

Dylan Lippens

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

Pastor

*Closing Hymn

For the Fruits of This Creation

UMH 97

*Benediction

Rev. Cephas Davis

Pastor: May the Lord of the Harvest bless you and keep you. May He make His face shine upon you and grant you grace. May He give you thankful hearts in every season, generous spirits in every circumstance, and faithful hands for His service. May your lives bear the fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—and may your witness bring glory to God. And now, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord with thanksgiving. Go and be God's hands and feet in the world.

**People: Thanks be to God. We go to make the world a better place.
Amen and Amen**

*Postlude

Sending Song

Let there be peace on Earth, vs 1

UMH 431