

given us. 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. 14 The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. 15 The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgment, 16 for, "Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

**Sermon** "Transformed Perspectives"

Rev. Nici Masters

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

**Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering** "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

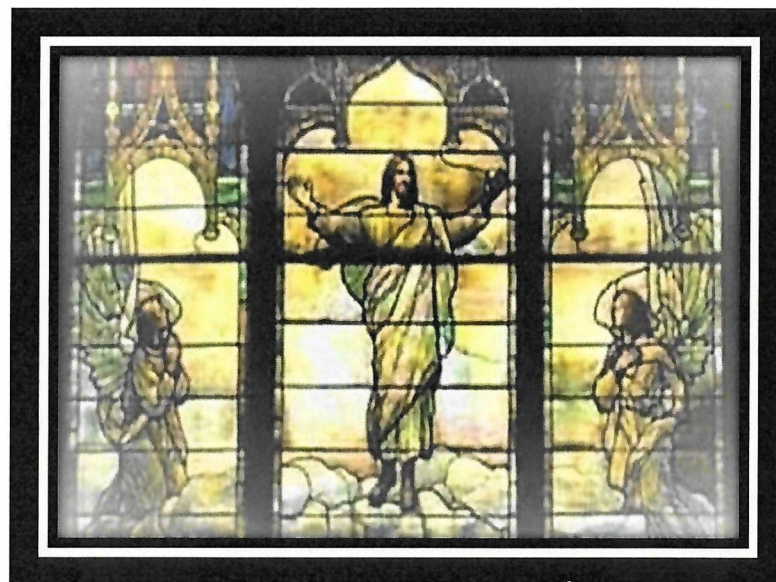
**Doxology** UMH 95

**Offertory Prayer**

**Passing the Peace**

**Hymn** "Freely, Freely" UMH 389

**Benediction**



## GATEWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AUGUST 9, 2026

301 Diamond Street, Fairmont WV 26554

Rev. Nici Masters, Pastor  
Music Coordinator – Bev Slagle  
Bell Choir Director – Val Huffman  
August Head Usher – Jeff Erdie

### Acolytes

Esme and Ollie Allen  
Haeden and Kenslie Futton  
Nora Rae Huffman

# The Celebration of Worship

August 9, 2026

## Order of Worship

### Announcements

#### Prelude

"Sanctuary"

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#### \*Call to Worship

L: We gather not seeking the wisdom of this world, nor the persuasive words of men.

**All: Our faith rests on the power and Spirit of God.**

L: Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor the human heart imagined all that God has prepared for those who love Him.

**All: God has revealed these deep truths to us by His Spirit.**

L: Let us worship the Lord, for we have received the mind of Christ.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

#### Opening Prayer

Gracious and Almighty God, we thank You for Your secret and hidden wisdom, designed before the ages for our glory. We confess that our own understanding is limited and the wisdom of this world often leads us astray. We ask that You send Your Holy Spirit to meet us here, opening our eyes and our hearts to the deep things of God. Clear our minds of the world's noise, so we may comprehend the gifts You have freely given us. Transform us by Your truth, that we may reflect Your love and walk in the mind of Christ. In His holy name we pray. Amen.

#### Children's Chat

Val Huffman

#### Hymn

"There's a Spirit in the Air" v 1,5,6      UMH 192

### Scripture Reading

Psalm 146

1 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, my soul. 2 I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. 3 Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save. 4 When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing. 5 Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God. 6 He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—he remains faithful forever. 7 He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous. 9 The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked. 10 The reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord.

### Sermon Scripture

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

6 We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. 7 No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived – the things God has prepared for those who love him— 10 these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 11 For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Faye Dodd, Rusty Freeland, Mary Beth Furbie, Carol Hall, Ezra Hall, Linda Lomicka  
Charlotte Merriman, Dan Ross, Madalee Wilson, Kay Young

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

August 9 – Prayer Team meeting  
August 12 – Dinner/Church on the Green – 5pm  
August 22 – GUMM – Moms

### **ATTENDANCE**

August 2 - 68  
August 9 -  
August 16 –  
August 23 –  
August 30 -

### **ATTENTION ALL SINGERS**

Anyone who would like to sing for the cantata is invited to attend  
rehearsals each Wednesday evening at 6pm.

### **Gateway Contact Information**

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YouTube Link – <https://youtube.com@gatewayumc.wv>

### **Loose Change/Food Pantry Collection**

Loose change (coins only) – Honey Bags  
Items for July – shampoo/deodorant

## *United Methodist Foundation Webinar Event*

*August 24, 2026*

The second webinar in The United Methodist Foundation's Online Academy of Faith and Generosity is happening Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Are you wondering how to start or enhance a legacy giving and endowment program for your church or ministry?

Join Jeff Taylor and Kim Matthews for this webinar. Learn what an endowment is and how it can support ministry, who should be involved in creating one, and why a Gift Acceptance Policy is important. Learn how to market legacy giving opportunities and why impact stories are important. Join us for the A to Z of building an endowment program!

*Mary Priscilla Women's Group & Gateway United Methodist Men*

# **Baked Steak Dinner**

**Baked Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Salad & Dessert**

**Friday, September 18, 2026**

**3:30 – 6:30 PM**

**Dine-In or Take-Out**

**Gateway UMC – 301 Diamond St – Fairmont, WV**

**\$17.00 per dinner**

**Checks Payable to**

**Mary Priscilla Women's Group**

## WEBINAR EVENT – AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup>

The trustees will host a FREE dinner prior to the Webinar Zoom August 24<sup>th</sup> for Gateway Congregation. It will be provided by Murials. The menu will be Rigitoni, Green Beans, Roasted Potatoes and Dessert. Tea, Coffee and Water will be provided.

The meal will be at 6:00pm and the Zoom at 7:00pm.

Reservations must be made by August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Reservation information needed:

Name and number of attendees. Put this information in the collection plate or bring to the church office during regular working hours,. (Monday thru Thursday 9am till noon).

Any questions see Bud Ford, Chairman of the Trustees or Pastor Nici.

Reservation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_