

Behind Today's WORSHIP Music

304 "Something Beautiful"

This praise chorus was rooted in a personal childhood moment when the Bill and Gloria Gaithers' young daughter spilled paint while trying to make a pretty picture for her mother. She was crying that her mistake only made a mess — inspiring the message of how faith can turn human mess into grace. How has the Lord turned the brokenness and strife in your life into something beautiful?

361 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

The metaphor "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" possible comes from two scripture passages: Isaiah 26:4 and Exodus 33:22. the theme is the gospel message that Jesus' suffering and death alone provide the way to salvation. The water and blood which gushed from his side provided life everlasting, just as the water from the rock provided physical life for Hebrews wandering in the desert. Augustus M. Toplady, a staunch Calvinist and contemporary of the Wesleys, carried on an open feud with John Wesley over the role of free will in salvation. This hymn is his response to John Wesley's views, but Methodists soon made it their own and have loved it ever since. Thomas Hastings wrote the tune TOPLADY in 1830 for this text.

389 "Freely, Freely"

Carol Owen's hymn of rebirth and response is best known by its refrain, "Freely, Freely," based on Jesus' words in Matthew 10:8 — "Freely ye have received, freely give" (KJV). The stanzas acknowledge the gift of being born anew "in Jesus' name" and the responsibility we have to share the love and power Jesus has freely bestowed (Matthew 28:18-20).

95 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Before the Protestant Reformation, only professional musicians were allowed to sing in church. In Germany, Martin Luther began writing new hymns (including "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God") and taught that everyone should sing praises to God. The well known melody is often called "OLD 100TH". Another popular version uses this melody, "ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL", which is based on Psalm 100. This version known as "FAIRHILL" comes from 1972 as part of a modern effort to make traditional liturgy accessible. The composer was Jimmy Owens (born 1930), a contemporary Christian songwriter and musician. The song still uses the classic 17th-century text by Bishop Thomas Ken. It is usually used as the offering song.

2244 "People Need the Lord"

This praise hymn was written in 1983 by Greg Nelson and Phil McHugh during a luncheon in Nashville, Tennessee. Inspired by noticing the pain and emptiness in the eyes of their waitress and other people around them, McHugh remarked, "People need the Lord, don't they?" to which Nelson replied, "Yes, people do need the Lord". They sketched the song outline during the meal and later popularized it through recordings, most famously by Steve Green. The message of the refrain written in the third person is clear: "People need the Lord"—six times in five lines.

These descriptions are found in the book
"The Hymns of the United Methodist Hymnal" by Diana Sanchez
and other sources from the internet.



Sunday, August 16, 2026
Worship - 8:30 a.m.



livestream links

Dodge Center UMC on FaceBook
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The **12th Sunday**
after
Pentecost

August 16, 2026

8:30 a.m.

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✠ Please stand as you are able

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS: The Faith We Sing

CENTERING WORDS ¹

*God's grace and presence lie hidden
in moments of abandonment and loss.*

*The time we feel most alone is
the time we are most closely held.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

UMH #394 - *"Something Beautiful"*

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

When hatred and division separate us,

God's love binds us together.

When quarrels estrange us,

Christ's grace brings reconciliation.

When we feel excluded and left out,

The Spirit's peace eases our pain.

Come! Let us worship the One who makes us one.

✠ **PRAISE**

UMH #361 - *"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"*



Prayers for health concerns:

Elliot Noble
Marty Franko

For those who are
remembering loved ones...

Giving thanks & praying for:

Care Center Residents...

Our nation and leaders...

Our school teachers,
administrators, students...

Service women & men and
their families...

Local health care
professionals, group home, &
care center workers...

Those fighting addictions
and mental illness...

Law enforcement &
emergency service workers...

Area congregations...

If you have a loved one you
would like to have added to
the Prayer Corner list, please
contact the Church Office at

507.374.6885 or
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Worship Attendance	Last Sunday
LIVE STREAM VIEWS	30
IN PERSON	16
TOTAL	46

This Week

SUN	August 16
8:30 am	Worship
9:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
MON	August 17
10:00 am	Pastor Daren Office Hours
5:30 pm	DCUMC Ad Council
WED	August 19
	Newsletter Deadline
8:00 am	Pastor Daren @ Mayo Hospital
THUR	August 20
8:00 am	Pastor Daren @ Mayo Hospital
FRI	August 21
8:00 am	Pastor Daren @ Mayo Hospital
SAT	August 22
8:00 am	Pastor Daren @ Mayo Hospital
SUN	August 23
8:30 am	Worship
9:30 am	Coffee Fellowship

Ministry Servants...

Thank You for our ministry
servants
who are helping out in worship
today:

Reader Kelly Amunrud

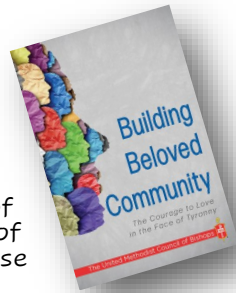
Counters Kim Marquardt and
Doris Weber

Scheduled for next Sunday,
August 23:

Reader Kathy Bartz
Counters Kathy Bartz and
Shawn Lepp

Summer Book Study...

You're invited to participate in a 2026 Summer Book Study led by Bishop Lanette. In this area-wide study, United Methodists are invited to read "Building Beloved Community: The Courage to Love in the Face of Tyranny" by The United Methodist Council of Bishops. This book offers a roadmap for these turbulent times where we see polarization dividing communities and people of faith. All are welcome! Mark your calendar and encourage others to join you. Discussions will be held via Zoom on the fourth Saturday morning in August and September, from 9-10:30 a.m. You may have missed the first few sessions, but you can still join in! See Pastor Daren for more details.



Wednesday Community Meal...

A reminder that we will not be serving a Wednesday Night Community meal in August. Please plan to join us in September for our annual fundraiser on September 16th. More details to follow. Please pass this information on to your friends.

Live Streaming...

You can catch our live stream broadcast on your smartphone, iPad, Smart TV or computer at this app channel:

Dodge Center UMC FaceBook page
Dodge Center UMC YouTube Channel

Please note that all of our services can be viewed at the above location even after the service is over. For questions, please contact Lisa O'Neil or Pastor Daren

Our Facebook Page

We have an active Facebook page that seeks to promote the ministry of our church. Announcements, events, and sharing stories takes place on our Facebook page. We also make special announcements via our page to keep you up to date on schedule changes. Go to Facebook and search for Dodge Center United Methodist Church.

✠ OPENING PRAYER ³

Loving God, Like Joseph, we do not always know why hard things happen. We face trials, confusion, and broken plans. Yet we trust that You work behind the scenes. You bring redemption out of pain and life out of famine. Give us the faith to trust You in every season. Give us the grace to forgive as we have been forgiven. Guide our steps today. In Your Holy Name, we pray. Amen.

MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN - THE SURPRISE BOX

Brought by Scarlet

PRAISE

UMH #389 - "Freely, Freely"

LITANY PRAYER

Merciful God, in love You created us, and in love, You sustain us, day after day. So it is with confidence that we bring our prayers to You, knowing that You will hear and respond.

We pray for those who are estranged from their spouse or family, friends, or neighbors; who find it difficult to forgive past wrongs done to them;

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who for years have carried feelings of guilt or regret for something they did or something they neglected to do; who find it difficult to ask for forgiveness or forgive themselves;

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those who find themselves far away from You, struggling to overcome their doubts or disillusionment, and who wonder how to find their way back;

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those watching someone they love try to cope with serious illness or injury, those who are dealing with emotional challenges, those who are wrestling with addictions and cravings that are destroying their lives, and all who long for Your miraculous intervention;

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the many others in our world who are suffering this day - from grief, or loneliness, hunger, poverty, violence, or illness;

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Sustain all those who look to You in hope. And strengthen us - Your people - so that we may be love for all those who find themselves alone.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen.

We Hear God's Word

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION ⁴

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON (Page 42 - Pew Bible)

Genesis 45:1-15

MESSAGE

"Faith Journey: Family Feud"

We Respond to God's Word

RECOGNITION OF OFFERING

(please place your offering in the plates as you depart worship)

✠ DOXOLOGY

UMH #95 - *"Praise God From Whom"*

✠ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We Go Forth to Serve God

✠ PRAISE

TFWS #2244 - *"People Need the Lord"*

✠ THE BENEDICTION - ✠ POSTLUDE

¹ The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Genesis 45, Psalm 133, & Matthew 15.

² The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Genesis 45, Psalm 133, Romans 11, & Matthew 15.

³ The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Genesis 45.

⁴ The Prayer for Illumination is a traditional prayer used in United Methodist worship.

All are based on [or taken from] "The Abingdon Worship Annual 2026", edited by Mary J. Scifres and B.J. Beu or other resources from the internet.

GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers

Genesis 45:1-15 - NRSV

¹ Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors.

⁸ So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.'

¹² And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL [YOUR] HEART...

PROVERBS 3:5

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