

Behind Today's WORSHIP Music

99 "My Tribute"

This gospel song was written by American gospel music legend Andraé Crouch in 1971. Crouch received a phone call from an old friend and former-prisoner named Larry Reed, who told him he had a dream that Crouch would write a globally famous song. Reed directed Crouch to read John chapter 17 where Jesus speaks of glorifying the Father. The morning after reflecting on the passage, Crouch woke up singing "to God be the glory" and wrote the entire song at his piano in about ten minutes.

731 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

John Newton, best known as the author of "Amazing Grace", had been a slave trader, was greatly influenced by George Whitefield and the Wesleys, was converted and became a pastor and leader in the evangelical movement in the Church of England and in the anti-slavery movement. The tune AUSTRIAN HYMN was adapted to be sung as the national anthem for Austria by Haydn. He later used it in his Emperor Quartet. It was almost immediately used as a hymn tune and has been a favorite ever since 1779.

578 "God of Love and God of Power"

While a pastor at Calvary Methodist Church in San Jose, California, during the years 1936-40, Gerald Kennedy wrote this text as a call to contemporary discipleship — asking God for grace, daring hearts, free spirits, courage, and loyalty. The resounding tune UNSER HERRSCHER adds vitality to this meaningful text.

95 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

This short hymn, commonly known as the Doxology, was written by English Bishop Thomas Ken around 1674. It originally served as the final stanza for three longer hymns (morning, evening, and midnight) intended for students at Winchester College. The melody is even older than the lyrics. 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. This melody is often called "OLD 100TH" and is usually used as the offering song.

130 "God Will Take Care of You"

This hymn was written by Civilla D. Martin on a Sunday afternoon in 1904 while she was confined to a sickbed. Her husband W. Stillman Martin, when he returned from a preaching assignment, sat down at a pump organ and composed the tune appropriately called MARTIN. A hymn of comfort, it is useful in a variety of settings, including groups of older adults and others bearing burdens of illness and hardship.

*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 23, 2026
Worship - 8:30 a.m.



livestream links

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The **13th Sunday**
after
Pentecost

August 23, 2026

8:30 a.m.

Worship Leader:
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⤴ Please stand as you are able

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal

CENTERING WORDS ¹

*It takes a village to build the realm of God.
It takes each of us to play our role
and work together to build the kingdom.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

UMH #99 - "My Tribute"

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

*When the powers of the world grow harsh,
and our labor feels heavy and unseen:*

God sees our suffering, and God is near.

*When courage stirs in the hearts of the lowly,
and defiance blooms in the face of death:*

We see the quiet work of a faithful God.

*From a tiny basket among the river reeds
to the halls of power, deliverance takes root:*

**Our help is in the name of the Lord,
maker of heaven and earth.**

*Come, let us worship the God who rescues the vulnerable
and calls new life out of the waters.*

Let us praise the Lord together!



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

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Worship Attendance	Last Sunday
LIVE STREAM VIEWS	30
IN PERSON	15
TOTAL	45

This Week

SUN	August 23
8:30 am	Worship
9:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
1:45 pm	Pastor Daren @ Mayo Hospital
MON	August 24
8:00 am	Pastor Daren @ Mayo Hospital
WED	August 26
8:00 am	Pastor Daren @ Mayo Hospital
THUR	August 27
10:00 am	Pastor Daren in DCUMC Office
6:00-7:30	Caregiver's Mtg.
FRI	August 28
8:00 am	Pastor Daren @ Mayo Hospital
SAT	August 29
8:00 am	Pastor Daren @ Mayo Hospital
SUN	August 30
8:30 am	Worship
9:30 am	Coffee Fellowship

Ministry Servants...

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

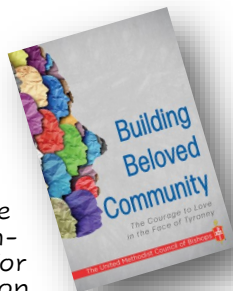
Reader: Kathy Bartz
Counters: Kathy Bartz and
Shawn Lepp

Scheduled for next Sunday,
August 30:

Reader: Janet Bugarin
Counters: Lisa O'Neil and Doris
Weber

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.



✠ PRAISE

UMH #731 - "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

✠ OPENING PRAYER³

We thank you, O Lord, that we are not alone. You watch over us, guide us, and lead us in your righteous pathways. When we stumble and fall, you lift us up and gently place us on that pathway again. When we doubt, you surround us with your mercy and peace, reassuring us of your presence through the love of others and of our savior Jesus Christ. Keep our hearts and minds open and ready to serve you, for we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN - THE SURPRISE BOX

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PRAISE

UMH #578 - "God of Love and God of Power"

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - The LORD'S PRAYER

We Hear God's Word

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION⁴

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 48 - Pew Bible)

Exodus 1:8-2:10

MESSAGE

"Faith Journey: Trusting the Current"

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

UMH #130 - "God Will Take Care of You"

✠ THE BENEDICTION - ✠ POSTLUDE

¹ The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Exodus 1-2, Psalm 124, and Matthew 16.

² The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Exodus 1-2.

³ The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Exodus 1-2.

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.

Charting the Course

Sunday, August 23rd, 2026

"Faith Journey: Trusting the Current"

Based on Exodus 1:8-2:10



- I. Bible stories where God is always doing something...
 - a. We like it when God makes things _____.
- II. 400 Years since Joseph and His Family in Egypt...
 - a. Pharaoh had no _____ to the kin of Joseph.
 - b. The Hebrews were a threat Pharaoh because they were _____ so quickly.
 - c. He approached the two Hebrew women to _____ with any newborn Hebrew boys. When they did not do this, Pharaoh commanded _____ to do it.
- III. The Baby Moses Escapes in a Basket...
 - a. Moses' mother trusted the _____ to bring him to safety.
 - b. The actions of _____ saved Moses and preserved Israel.
 - c. They trusted the current of their _____ to lead them to make the choices that saved the nation

IV. Charting Our Course in Life This Week

Here is my plan to trust the current of my faith:

Answers:

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|-------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 1a) clear | 2b) multiplying | 2c) do away | 2d) his own people |
| 3a) current | 3b) women | 3c) faith | |

GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

The Israelites Are Oppressed

Exodus 1:8-2:10 - NRSV

⁸ Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. ⁹ He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³ The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?" ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

^{2.1} Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman.

² The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?"

⁸ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages."

So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰ When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

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

PROVERBS 3:5

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