

Behind Today's WORSHIP Music

2087 "We Will Glorify the King of Kings"

Contemporary Christian music artist Twila Paris wrote both the text and the tune early in her career in the 1990's when she was 24 years old. Paris intended to create a concise, congregational doxology - a short hymn of praises to God - that directs focus entirely to God's majesty. The song's lyrics draw heavily from the Bible, specifically Revelation 17:14, which refers to Christ as the "King of kings" and "Lord of lords") and the Psalms. Paris wrote the song as an expression of praise and adoration for Jesus Christ's divine authority and majesty.

64 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

Early in the 20th century, this hymn was specifically recommended as an opening hymn in the Ritual for Holy Communion and is still often used for that purpose. This text, written to be sung after the Nicene Creed on Trinity Sunday, is an excellent example of the hymns Reginald Heber wrote for specific times in the Christian year. Drawing from biblical passages such as Revelation 4:8-11, in which the elders give homage to God, and from the vision in Isaiah 6, the text calls the worshiper to unite in praise with those of biblical times.

Insert "Holy Ground"

"This is Holy Ground" was written by Geron Davis in 1980 when he was 19 years old. He wrote the song in Savannah, Tennessee, after his father - who was a local church pastor - asked him to write a special song for the first service in the church's newly constructed auditorium. Davis procrastinated until the Saturday night before the dedication service, when he finally sat down and wrote the lyrics and melody under pressure. The second song of this medley "We Are Standing on Holy Ground" was written by Christopher Beatty wrote another in 1982 that starts "This is holy ground, we're standing on holy ground, for the Lord is present." For many believers, "Holy Ground" isn't just about a building or a biblical story - it's about experiencing God's presence anywhere. People share how the song reminds them that meeting with Jesus makes any place holy, whether it's a porch at 69 degrees or during personal trial

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. This melody is often called "OLD 100TH" and is usually used as the offering song.

2129 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

This praise song originated in the 19th century in Assam (present-day Meghalaya), India. It is based on the final words of a man from the Garo tribe named Nokseng (or credited by some traditions to a man named Simon Marak), who chose martyrdom over renouncing his faith. The village chief captured the family and ordered the father to publicly deny Christ or face death. Refusing to yield, the father stated, "I have decided to follow Jesus." Facing his own execution, the father proclaimed, "The cross before me, the world behind me. No turning back." Moved by the family's extreme faith, the village chief and the rest of the villagers later converted to Christianity.

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 30, 2026

Worship - 8:30 a.m.



Full HD
1080

livestream links

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Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck

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The 14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 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 calls to Moses from a burning bush that is not consumed,
marking the ground as holy and demanding reverence

PRELUDE - WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

TFWS #2087 - *"We Will Glorify the King of Kings"*

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

Come to this place, and take off the shoes
of your everyday worries. For the ground where we stand is holy.

**We come seeking the God of the burning bush,
the God who sees our struggles and hears our cries.**

Look and see! God breaks into our ordinary days
with an extraordinary presence that calls our name.

**We are here, listening for the voice
that invites us to turn aside and worship.**

Hear the promise of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob:
"I am who I am," and I will be with you. You do not walk alone.

**With open hearts and reverent joy,
we worship the living God! Let us praise the Lord!**

⤴ PRAISE

UMH #64 - *"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"*

⤴ OPENING PRAYER ³

Holy and surprising God, You meet us in the ordinary routines of
our days, out in the quiet wilderness and the dust of our daily work.



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
secdcumc@gmail.com212

Worship Attendance	Last Sunday
LIVE STREAM VIEWS	31
IN PERSON	18
TOTAL	47

This Week

SUN	August 30
8:30 am	Worship
9:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
1:45 pm	Pastor Daren @ Mayo Hospital
SUN	September 6
8:30 am	Worship
9:30 am	Coffee Fellowship

Card of Thanks

Thank you to
Brenda DeSmith for
sharing her talents
with us this morning.
Brenda and Kevin are
residents of the
Worthington, MN area.
She is active in various
music venues such as the
Worthington Chamber
Singers, the Worthington
City Band and the First
UMC Bell Choir Director.

Ministry Servants...

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

Reader: Janet Bugarin

Counters: Lisa O'Neil and
Doris Weber

Scheduled for next Sunday,
September 6:

Reader
Counters

You're Invited!!!



Help us
each our
fundraising
goal!



Join us for our

Annual Fundraiser Community Dinner

Suggested \$15 donation
(Open to all in the community)

Pork Loin
Mashed Potatoes & gravy
Green beans & Dinner roll
Choice of dessert: Bars

DINE IN & takeout available (no pre-sales)



**United Methodist Church
20 1st Street NE
Dodge Center, MN
September 16, 2026**

5:00 - 6:00 pm (serving until gone)

Draw our attention away from the noise of the world
So that we, like Moses, might turn aside to see your presence
Remind us that wherever you are is holy ground.
Strip away our fears, our hesitation, and our pride,
And help us to stand before you in awe and reverence.
In your holy and mighty name, we pray. Amen.

MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN - THE SURPRISE BOX

Brought by Scarlett

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - The LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

"People Need the Lord"

Duet by Brenda DeSmith & Pastor Daren
Accompanied by Brenda DeSmith

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 50 - Pew Bible) Exodus 3:1-15

PRAISE INSERT - *"Holy Ground"*

MESSAGE *"Faith Journey: Standing on Holy Ground"*

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 #2129 - *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

✠ THE BENEDICTION - ✠ POSTLUDE

¹ The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Exodus 3.

² The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Exodus 3.

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

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.

Holy Ground

Words and Music by Christopher Beatty & Geron Davis

1. This is ho - ly ground; _____ We're stand - ing on ho - ly ground, _____
 2. These are ho - ly hands; _____ He's giv - en us ho - ly hands. _____

_____ for the Lord is pres - ent and where He is is ho - ly. _____
 _____ He works through these hands _____ and so these hands are ho - ly. _____

_____ This is ho - ly ground; _____ We're stand - ing on ho - ly ground, _____
 _____ These are ho - ly hands; _____ He's giv - en us ho - ly hands. _____

_____ for the Lord is pres - ent and _____
 _____ He works through these hands _____ and

_____ where He is is ho - ly. _____
 _____ so these hands are ho - ly. _____

_____ We are _____ stand - ing _____ on ho - ly ground, _____

_____ and _____ I _____ know that there are an - gels all a - round. _____

_____ Let _____ us _____ praise _____ Je - sus now. _____

_____ We _____ are _____ stand - ing in His pres - ence on ho - ly ground.

GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

The Burning Bush

Exodus 3:1-15 - NRSV

¹ Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³ Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴ When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵ Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹² He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

¹³ But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.' " ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you:'

This is my name forever,
 and this my title for all generations.

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

PROVERBS 3:5