

LISBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 30, 2026

*Welcome! We are delighted to have you worship with us and pray that God richly blesses you this day. The ** sign indicates that those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand. All are invited to join in speaking where the bolded words appear.*

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude, Lighting of the Candles, Time of Quiet Reflection
Welcome

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 26 and Matthew 16:21-28) MONICA

Leader: God has gathered us from many different paths.

People: Together we come to seek the way of Christ.

Leader: We do not know everything the future holds.

People: But we trust the One who holds the future.

Leader: Christ walks before us.

People: We will follow with faith.

Leader: The Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church.

People: Open our hearts to hear Your voice, O Lord.

ALL: Come, let us worship with hope, expectation, and joy!

****Opening Hymn: *God of Grace and God of Glory* #577 UMH**

Opening Prayer: **Gracious and ever-faithful God, You have called Your Church into every generation to bear witness to Your love. As we begin a new season together, quiet our fears and awaken our hope. Help us to listen more carefully than we speak. To pray before we plan. To seek Your wisdom before our own. Give us hearts that are open to Your leading and spirits willing to follow wherever Christ calls us. Send Your Holy Spirit among us today. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We Meet the Word Proclaimed

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 26:1-8 (The Message)

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

PASTOR JEN

Response to the Word

L: The Word of God, for us the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn of Preparation: *The Church's One Foundation* #545 UMH**

Message: *Safe...or Faithful?*

We Respond with Prayer and Thanksgiving

Prayer Hymn: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* #2193TFWS

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

After each prayer request, please join in the response:

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

After each joy, please join in the response:

Alleluia

Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

Lords Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Response: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* #2193TFWS

Offering Our Gifts to God

****Song of Thanksgiving:**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

95 UMH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

****Prayer of Dedication: Faithful God, Receive these gifts and use them to accomplish Your purposes. Bless every ministry they support. Bless every life they touch. And bless this congregation as we seek to follow Christ together. May we be known not only for the gifts we give, but for the love we share, the hope we proclaim, and the faithfulness with which we serve. Guide us as we continue discerning Your vision for this church. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

SPECIAL CONSECRATION OF BACK-TO-SCHOOL COLLECTION

We Go Out to Love and Serve

****Closing Hymn: *The Summons* #2130 TFWS**

Announcements

Responsive Benediction:

Leader: Church, who goes before us?

People: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Leader: Who walks beside us?

People: The Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide.

Leader: Who calls us into the future?

People: God, whose faithfulness never ends.

Leader: What then shall we do?

People: We will pray faithfully.

Leader: We will listen carefully.

People: We will love generously.

Leader: We will serve joyfully.

People: We will follow Christ together.

Leader: Go in peace to be Christ's hands and feet in the world, and may the blessing of God Almighty—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—be with you now and always.

People: Amen.

****Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Monica McCusker

Video Production: Dean Logan and Greg Shaw

Organist and Choir Director: Debbie Greim

Pastor Jen Reed

Today's worship liturgy comes from *The Abingdon Worship Annual*
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***Boldly Caring for our
Community***



Grounded in God's Love

**Lisbon United Methodist Church
welcomes, nurtures, and serves
all people, with the love of Christ.**