



PRAYER CORNER

Prayers for health concerns:
Elliot Noble
Delmer Paulson

For those who are
remembering loved ones...

The family of Marty Franko

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 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



This Week

SUN	September 20
8:30 am	Worship
9:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
TUES	September 22
10:00 am	Pastor Daren in Office
5:30 pm	Church Council
Thurs	September 24
	Caregiver's mtg
SUN	September 27
8:30 am	Worship
9:30 am	Coffee Fellowship



Worship Attendance	Last Sunday
LIVE STREAM VIEWS	26
IN PERSON	15
TOTAL	41



Sunday, September 20, 2026
Worship - 8:30 a.m.



livestream links

Dodge Center UMC on FaceBook
Dodge Center UMC on YouTube

PASTOR:

Rev. Dr. Daren Flink

ACCOMPANIST:

Janet Bugarin

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September 20, 2026

8:30 a.m.

The **17th Sunday**
after
Pentecost

Worship Leader:
Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck

Organist:
Janet Bugarin

⬆ Please stand as you are able

TFWS: The Faith We Sing

CENTERING WORDS ¹

"Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ."

PRELUDE - WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

TFWS #2086 - *"Open Our Eyes, Lord"*

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

In their wilderness wandering, the Israelites grumbled.
The Lord lighted their way and provided nourishment.

**In our life journeys, we will give thanks
for the providence of the Holy One.**

In their daily work, the laborers in the field
grumbled with resentment over gracious giving.

**In our daily lives,
we will rejoice at generosity shown to others.**

As we seek to live our lives by the example of Christ,
may we delight in God's grace.

**We will offer caring presence
and abundant generosity.
We will even endeavor to give up our grumbling.**

⬆ PRAISE

TFWS #2002 - *"I Will Call Upon the Lord"*

(Sing twice)

Live Streaming...

You can catch our live stream broadcast on your smartphone, iPad, Smart TV or computer at these online locations or apps:

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.

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.

A Note Of Thanks

The fundraiser pork loin dinner held this past Wednesday was a success. Thanks to all who worked hard to make it happen. Your donations of food, money, and time spent cooking, setting up, serving, and cleaning up are very much appreciated. There were a total of 55 meals served with 19 who dined in and 36 take outs. The total for the night was \$1,647.00.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us. Ephesians 1:3

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low. Praise Him a - bove, ye heav - en - ly
host. Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Words by Thomas Ken 1674, adapted by Gilbert H. Vieira 1978 || Music by Jimmy Owens
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Behind Today's WORSHIP Music

2086 "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

Robert Cull (Bob) was a Christian songwriter and worship artist who wrote this song while touring as a soloist in Hawaii after being invited to give a concert at a parochial school. He was reflecting on singing love songs to Jesus when the lyrics and melody came to him suddenly. The lyrics echo scriptural themes of seeking Christ, similar to the blind man in Mark 8, the woman touching Jesus' robe in Luke 8, and the prayer for spiritual enlightenment in Ephesians 1:17-18.

2002 "I Will Call Upon the Lord"

"I Will Call Upon the Lord" is a popular Christian worship song written in 1981 by traveling Bible teacher Michael O'Shields. It was originally written to help small, rural congregations participate in congregational worship through call-and-response singing. The lyrics draw directly from Old Testament scripture: Psalm 18:3: "I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies." The song has gained widespread popularity and is frequently used in churches today.

2160 "Into My Heart"

During an evangelistic campaign in the Trinity Evangelical Church at Shamokin, Pa. [Pennsylvania], a man obviously under the influence of liquor responded to the altar call.... Good friends of the church prayed for him; they told him of Jesus the Mighty to save, Who came to save sinners, and Who was able to save to the uttermost all who come until Him. Immediately the penitent cried out, "Come into my heart, Lord Jesus, come to stay!" Out of that experience, Harry D. Clarke, the evangelist, wrote this winsome prayer chorus. It is a song of liberation. (Sanville, 1943, p. 62)

Insert "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 was designed for ease of congregational singing, and it is often used in contemporary, Anglican, and evangelical settings. As always, it is usually used as the offering song.

2173 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

This praise song was written in 1987 by British songwriter Graham Kendrick as a contemporary Christian worship hymn, focusing on themes of light, renewal, and spreading the Gospel. Initially written as three verses without a chorus, Kendrick added the iconic chorus later to the tune in under 30 minutes, and it was popularized through the Spring Harvest events. The song was designed as a prayer for revival, coinciding with a growing, optimistic movement in the UK for Christian evangelism. The song was also inspired by a study of the holiness of God and the desire for God's light to shine in dark places.

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

✠ OPENING PRAYER ³

Gracious and Loving God, we give thanks for the many ways we see your abiding presence throughout scripture and within our own lives. You hear not only our praise but also our complaints. Teach us to hear our own grumbling as a signifier to redirect our thoughts and lives to gratitude and generosity. In hearing our own complaints, may we look to Christ Jesus for examples of grace. And may we follow your Holy Spirit to offer presence to one another, as we walk in faith together. Amen.

MOMENTS with the YOUNG CHRISTIANS

PRAISE

TFWS #2160 - "Into My Heart"

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (Page 62 - Pew Bible) Exodus 16:2-15

THE GOSPEL LESSON (Page 21 - Pew Bible) Matthew 20:1-16

MESSAGE

"The Heavenly Complaint Department"

We Respond to God's Word

RECOGNITION OF OFFERING

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

✠ DOXOLOGY

INSERT - "Praise God From Whom"

✠ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We Go Forth to Serve God

✠ PRAISE

TFWS #2173 - "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

✠ THE BENEDICTION - ✠ POSTLUDE

¹ The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Philipians 1:27, NRSV.

² The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Exodus 16, Philipians 1, & Matthew 20.

³ The Opening Prayer is based on or inspired by Exodus 16 & Philipians 1.

Charting the Course

Sunday, September 20th, 2026

"The Heavenly Complaint Department"

Based on Matthew 20:1-16



I. The Complaints of the World

- Why complain? It's a response to _____.
- Why complain? We have _____ concerns.
- Why complain? We have unfulfilled _____.
- Why complain? We do not _____.

II. Who Does Our Complaining Impact?

- Our complaining _____.
- Our complaining _____ the progress of the Gospel.

III. Let Positive Light Shine

- Our daily living should be characterized by the _____ in the darkness.
- We need to _____ that _____ over all!

IV. Charting Our Course in Life This Week

Here are some steps I plan to take to curb my complaints:

Answers:

1a) stress
2a) harms others
3a) light shining

1b) valid
2b) hinders the Gospel
3b) trust, God is God

1c) desires 1d) trust God

GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

The Laborers in the Vineyard

Matthew 20:1-16 NRSV

¹ For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went.

⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius.

¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius.

¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'

¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?' ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?

¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

PROVERBS 3:5

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