

CHRIST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

August 3, 2025

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

10:30am Worship Service

THE GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Phil Jennings

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

UMH 96 v. 3

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Leader: Give thanks to God,

People: for God's steadfast love lasts forever.

Leader: God accompanies us in our distress,

People: as we cross the threshold to worship's blessings.

Leader: Give thanks to our God,

People: for God's steadfast love abides with us.

Leader: Let us enter this space for worship,

People: celebrating God's works for humankind.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

UMH 126

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Loving God, Divine Guide, may we not turn away from you as our desires take hold. When we are drawn to the sparkle around us, draw us back to the holy glow of your realm. When we focus on the divisions that divide us, lead us to share your steadfast love with those from whom we are separated. When we fixate on how to get ahead, move us to share your bounty with our neighbors. Draw us back to you, Holy Beacon of Hope, that we might all be made well. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

¹ Beu, B.J.; Scifres, Mary. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025: Worship Resources for Every Sunday of the Year (p. 179). (Function). Kindle Edition.

² Beu, B.J.; Scifres, Mary. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025: Worship Resources for Every Sunday of the Year (p. 180). (Function). Kindle Edition.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S HAPPENING

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hosea 11:1-11

Pew Bible 737

Colossians 3:1-11

Pew Bible 957

God is still speaking. **And we are still listening. Thanks be to God!**

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory Be to the Father

UMH 71

SERMON

Where Home Is

Reverend Hannah Weisbrod

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN OF REFLECTION

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

UMH 405

CALL TO THE OFFERING³

OFFERTORY

Theme from Piano Sonata #21 (2nd Movement)

W.A. Mozart

Debbie Zeller

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of Goodness, thank you for your steadfast love and your wonderful works. Today we stand in front of you with our riches in hand: our treasures, time, and talents. May our giving reflect the faithfulness of our spirits. And may our offering be clothed with your visions and dreams. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING WITH INTERCESSIONS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

PRAYER RESPONSE

Cares Chorus

TFWS 2215

SHARING OF COMMUNION

*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

UMH 121

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

There's Within My Heart

UMH 380 v. 1

*POSTLUDE

³ Offering sequence from Beu, B.J.; Scifres, Mary. *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025: Worship Resources for Every Sunday of the Year* (p. 181). (Function). Kindle Edition.

PRAYER AND VESPER SERVICES

During the months of July and August, weather permitting, there will be a service of evening prayer/vespers in the San Diego Community Garden. Our own Brian Pavick will be there with his guitar to aid us in our time of worship. Please join us this **Wednesday, August 6** at 7:00pm.

CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

*Non-weekly meetings and activities are in **bold print**.*

SUN (08/03): Communion Sunday

Worship, 10:30am

MON (08/04): Loss Group, 6:30pm/Emma Lang Lounge

WED (08/06): Prayer and Vesper Service, 7:00p/San Diego Community Garden

SUN (08/10): Worship, 10:30am

Finance, 11:45am/Emma Lang Lounge

We Are All God's Children

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

** denotes member*

<i>*Bobby Blankenship</i>	<i>Al Tobey</i>	<i>Erik T.</i>	<i>Lindsey Elswick</i>
<i>*Monta Demchak</i>	<i>Carol De Laat</i>	<i>Frank</i>	<i>Lindsey Parker</i>
<i>*Dave Dickman</i>	<i>Carol</i>	<i>Gail</i>	<i>Mary</i>
<i>*Mitzi Herrick</i>	<i>Caroline</i>	<i>Geof Funk</i>	<i>Mary Ellen</i>
<i>*Cindy Light</i>	<i>Chris M.</i>	<i>J & J</i>	<i>Mary W.H.</i>
<i>*John Motley</i>	<i>Darlene</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Max</i>
<i>*Peter Oesterreich</i>	<i>Darlene</i>	<i>Jim</i>	<i>MJ</i>
<i>*Janis Pongallo</i>	<i>Daryana</i>	<i>Jim</i>	<i>Rosie</i>
<i>*Linda Prudhoe</i>	<i>David R.</i>	<i>John</i>	<i>Roy Buser</i>
<i>*DeeDee Rencehausen</i>	<i>Dennis</i>	<i>Joshua C.</i>	<i>Seth Buser</i>
<i>*Nadene & Dennis Smith</i>	<i>Diane</i>	<i>Kathy</i>	<i>Sheri G.</i>
<i>*Joan Thorkelson</i>	<i>Dixie</i>	<i>Kevin Fischer</i>	<i>Ted and Marie Nyland</i>
<i>*Galen Younkin</i>	<i>Doug Emery</i>	<i>Laurie</i>	<i>Tom Szor</i>
<i>Ukraine, Israel and Gaza</i>	<i>Dotty</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Viola</i>
<i>Pastor Jason Thompson</i>	<i>Ed Rote</i>	<i>Lily Van Scyoc</i>	

STAR WORDS

At the beginning of the year, we handed out “Star Words”. I invite you to take the word you chose and use it throughout the year as a way to center your prayer time and to be aware of God’s presence throughout the day. If you have not received a word, please let Pastor Dianne know and she will get one to you! Each week in the bulletin there will be a journal prompt or reflection question that encourages you in your use of the word.

For this week: **Reflect on a time your word helped you find peace or contentment.**

TAKE WHAT YOU NEED PANTRY BOX

The pantry box has become one of our most used outreach ministries! But keeping it full is a challenge. Please feel free to fill the box if you see it is empty, either from the supplies in the entryway or from your own cupboard! If you would rather, we could shop for you, just note that your monetary donation is for the pantry. Below are listed a few ideas of things you can donate. Thank you!

Canned soup	Canned stew	Peanut butter
Canned fruit	Canned fish	Pasta (most prefer whole grain)
Canned vegetables	Canned beans	Rice (most prefer brown rice)
Cereal	Baby Food	Toiletries

DINNER AND DISCUSSION

Our church will be hosting a free dinner and discussion on Monday August 25th from 5:00 - 7:00 with Dr. Mike Davis the administrator of religious services with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction (ODRC). This is aimed to help people and congregations who may have family and friends who are incarcerated or have returned home after incarceration. Please attend if you are interested and help spread the word to others who may be interested. There are fliers on the back table with more information. Contact Sandy Foster @440-823-9853 or Desiree in the church office if you have any questions.

ABOUT OUR PREACHER

Rev. Hannah Weisbrod serves as the Projects Coordinator at Harbor and Bridge Community Center, a UMC ministry. Harbor and Bridge is committed to neighborhood-based ministry, community services, and collaborative partnership on the near west side of Cleveland. Prior to arriving at Harbor and Bridge, she served in pastoral ministry as the associate pastor at Strongsville UMC and the solo pastor of St. Paul's UMC in Tiffin. She and her husband, Ben, enjoy hiking the metro parks, traveling, and discovering restaurants in the Cleveland area.

BIRTHDAY CLUB

The 2nd quarter Birthday Club Celebration has been canceled. We will celebrate all 2nd quarter birthdays with our 3rd quarter birthdays at the next Birthday Club Celebration on November 2. Thank you.

SERMON NOTES

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION⁴

Sometimes divine love includes judgment. But the judgment of God is love. What do you think might be the only way that we can be rejected or separated from that divine love? Would God be rejecting us, or would we be rejecting God's love?

HOUSEHOLD PRAYER: MORNING

Loving God, as I embark on the adventure of this new day, I will imagine you as my mother or father, teaching me to walk with cords of human kindness and love, a tether as you guide me along. Therefore I will not fear failure or worry that I will not have enough time or goods if I give a little to those in need. Amen.

HOUSEHOLD PRAYER: EVENING

Thank you, God, for the gift of this day. Thank you for bringing me home to you. As I fall asleep, I will consider your steadfast love for me and repeat with my breathing, "You are rich toward me, and I am rich toward you. You are rich toward me, and I am rich toward you." Amen.

Christ UMC Welcomes All

We welcome all persons to our church without regard to race, ethnic or cultural background, social status, gender, sexual orientation, age, theological perspective, political affiliation, or other means people use to categorize or discriminate against others. For our full statement, go to our website.

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USHERS: *Al Naab, Phil Jennings, John Murphy*

GREETER: *Nancy Horton*

ACOLYTES: *Ian Eagan, Ben Eagan, Eli Gadomski Littleton, TJ Wood, Grace Horton*

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GOAL - FOCUS - STRATEGIES

GOAL: Grow in relationship with Jesus Christ in order to change the world around us, starting with our own community.

FOCUS: To achieve this goal, we will prioritize reaching out to our community as essential to our personal and congregational growth as Christians.

STRATEGIES:

1. We will build meaningful relationships with the people in our community.
2. We will strive to listen and understand the needs of our community.
3. We will use our building and resources to meet those needs in a tangible way.



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Braille hymnal or hearing device.***