

## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

**July 19, 2026**

**10:30AM**

*Welcome to Worship at Memorial United Methodist Church.*

*Blue attendance books are in the pews. Please sign in, and please include contact information if you are a visitor.*

~ Please cease your conversation at this time in preparation for worship. ~

**Music to Center Ourselves**      *The Hand of God* (Sewell)

**Welcome to Worship** and **The Wave**

**Public Service Announcement**      Diane Bishop

### **\*Call to Worship**

God knows us better than we know ourselves.

**Even in the darkest places, the light of God's love is there.**

There is nowhere we can flee from God's presence.

**In the heavens and in the depths, the Holy One abides with us.**

We are God's children, serving the Lord from generation to generation.

**God is the one who keeps promises and who provides for us wherever we go.**

How awesome is this place!

**This is God's house and the gateway to the heavens.**

**\*Hymn**      *We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder*      UMH 418

**Old Testament reading**      Genesis 28:10-19a      Kathy Young

**\*Gospel reading**      Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**Children's Time** and Noisy Offering for Heifer Project International

**Message**      Rev. Terri Branstrom

**\*Hymn**      *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*      UMH 117

### **Offering Our Gifts and Commitments**

**Offertory** *Sanctum Sanctorum* (Martin)

Ushers will pass the offering plates to receive today's offering and any prayer requests (please write requests on the green cards found in the

pews). You may also make financial contributions on the square reader in the fellowship area, or online on our website.

**\*Doxology: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**      UMH 95

**\*Offering Prayer**

**Hymn**      *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*      UMH 694, v. 2-4

### **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Closing Song**      *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*      UMH 127

### **\*Departing Blessing**

**Music for Going Forth**      *Morning Fanfare* (Martin)

\* The asterisk indicates times in worship where we're invited to stand.

*Please join us after worship for coffee and conversation.*

### **Assisting Today**

Altar Guild: Sue Hampton and Jody Harrison

Counters: Chris Morrow and Peggy Richter

Projection: Dylan and Denise Messina

Ushers/Greeters: Bill and Bonnie Buchmiller

TODAY 1:30 Worship at Lakeview Assisted Living

MONDAY 5:30 Bible Study: "The Passion of Christ"

TUESDAY Lifeline Screening in our gym

WEDNESDAY 9:30 Knit and Crochet  
6:00 Band Practice

SATURDAY 10:00 Visitation  
12:00 Funeral for Tom Butch  
Lunch to follow

NEXT SUNDAY 10:30 Worship

AUG. 2 Get your picture taken after church for the new directory.

**Picture Directory** Pastor Terri's daughter Elizabeth is putting together a new picture directory for us. She will be taking pictures after church on Aug. 2. Please show up on Aug. 2 with your smile!

**The flimsy wheels need replacing** on one of our clothing racks. If you would be interested in doing this, please see Peggy Richter or Lisa Myers.

You are invited to a new study, "**Entering the Passion of Jesus**" on Monday evenings at 5:30.

Jesus' final days were full of risk. Every move he made was filled with anticipation, danger, and the potential for great loss or great reward.

In *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. She shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience.

You are invited to join us next Monday at Memorial Church at 5:30 p.m.



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## Prayer List

### **New Concerns**

Family of Tom Butch  
Family of Connie Young  
Lois Boydston  
Dane Zahner and Bill Romo  
Mike Hubbard  
Constantino family, Johnson family, Schmidt family  
Sue Alexander  
Jordan Geyer  
Kelly Roberts in Jordan

### **Recent Concern**

The Cole family  
Rich Demeuse

### **Ongoing Concerns**

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| Pray for all wars to stop. | Richard Abbott             |
| Lorna Benson               | Beth and Sarah Benson      |
| Kim Bessonon               | Alice Butch                |
| Pat Clark                  | Dona and Jon Durham        |
| Ian Goldi                  | Adam Haberstitch           |
| Cheryl Harger              | Lettie Houghton            |
| Ron Houle                  | Richard Hull               |
| Berta Johnson              | Dora and Andy Leonard      |
| Christopher Lund           | Toni Marchese              |
| Beverly Martin             | Ryan Minor                 |
| Elijah Moffitt             | Carolyn Morrow             |
| Kathy Jo Myhren            | Betty Nyquist              |
| Helen Palo                 | Josiah Pryor               |
| Margaret Richard           | Elizabeth Peltz Richardson |
| Debbie Rosen               | Lisa Richer Barta          |
| Judy Smith                 | Pam Thorbahn               |
| Mark West                  | Brian Wood                 |

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