

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 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.*

Music to Center Ourselves *The Kingdom of Heaven* (Oxley)

Welcome to Worship and The Wave

***Call to Worship**

Give thanks to God, for God is good.

God's goodness and mercy are sure.

Sing to the Spirit, for the Spirit is here.

The Spirit knows the ache for connection deep within us.

Praise Jesus Christ, who loves us

with a love that is boundless and true.

Give thanks to God, and sing God's praise,

as we worship together today.

***Hymn** *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know* UMH 163

Responsive reading Psalm 105:1-11, 45b Deb Hubbard

***Gospel reading** Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Special Music *"Praise You"* (by Elizabeth Goodine)
Kristy Chamberlain, accompanied by her son Paul Chamberlain

Children's Time

Message Rev. Terri Branstrom

***Hymn** *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* UMH 731

Offering Our Gifts and Commitments

Offertory *Solemn Litany* (Paxton)

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**

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Song** *On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand* UMH 724

***Departing Blessing**

Music for Going Forth *Be Strong in the Lord* (Powell)

* 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: Laurie Kaufman de la Garza and Carol Borden

Ice Cream Sundaes: The Knitting Group

Projection: Dylan Messina and Tom Marquette

Ushers/Greeters: Deb Hubbard

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

WEDNESDAY *Newsletter deadline*

9:30 Knit and Crochet

6:00 Band Practice

NEXT SUNDAY 10:30 Worship

Aug. 2, get your picture taken after church for the new directory.

AUG. 15 5:00 Game Night

AUG. 16 10:30 Worship at Van Cleve Park,
in the pavilion by Kid's Kingdom
11:30 Potluck picnic
1:30 Worship at Lakeview Assisted Living

AUG. 20 4:30 Church Council

SEPT. 12 10:00 District and Charge Conference here at Memorial

SEPT. 24 – 26 Rummage Sale and Scrap Metal Drive
(the last one this year!)

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!

Everyone, please show up next Sunday. Spread the word.

Also, if any of your contact information has changed, please tell Lisa. You can look at the print-outs on the round tables in the narthex to verify that your information is correct.

Worship at Van Cleve Park by Kid's Kingdom on Sunday, August 16, followed by a potluck picnic.

Rummage Sale Our last rummage sale netted \$1,631.00. The scrap metal drive brought in \$329.50.

We will have one last scrap metal drive and rummage sale Sept. 24-26 until next year.

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: Bill Buchmiller and Karen & Jerry Hubbard

Recent Concern

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

Ongoing Concerns

Pray for all wars to stop.	Richard Abbott
Beth and Sarah Benson	Lorna Benson
Kim Bessonon	Alice Butch
Pat Clark	Richard Demeuse
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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