



Local and Connexional

Knowing Who We Are

Sunday, August 30, 2026
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Gathering Music

Preamble

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Call to Worship

One: Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, and hold fast to what is good.

All: In Christ, we belong to God and to one another.

One: Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer.

All: In Christ, we belong to God and to one another.

One: Contribute to the needs of the saints and extend hospitality to strangers.

All: In Christ, we belong to God and to one another.

One: Live in harmony with one another and overcome evil with good. Come, let us worship God.

All: We gather as one congregation within the worldwide Methodist connexion. In Christ, we belong to God and to one another. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Introit

Surely the Presence

UMH 328

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel his mighty power and his grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;

surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Welcome

† Opening Hymn

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

UMH 715

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.
2. Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.
3. His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of earth and hell are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

4. Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

Blessing for Young Hearts

Inform everyone of teaching this Sunday, go over memory verse, dismiss children.

Prayers of the People

A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying.

Online Worshipers may type prayer requests in the Live Chat, taking care for privacy.

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Kyrie

TFWS 2275

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

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WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

Romans 12:9-21 (NRSVue)

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Scriptural Response

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God! Amen**

Special Music

The Power of His Touch

Colette Call

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Message

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Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Peaceful Piano #11

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† Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

All: God of grace, you call us to share life with one another. We confess that we have treated faith as private, withheld care when others needed us, and overlooked congregations beyond our own. Forgive us. Teach us to contribute to the needs of others, extend hospitality, rejoice together, grieve together, and live in peace. By your Spirit, form us as one body in Christ, joined in love and service. Amen.

One: Hear the good news: God meets us where we are, hears us, forgives us, and joins us together in Christ. By grace, we belong to God and to one another. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

Musical Setting A

UMH 17

Online worshipers are invited to select elements including bread and juice (or similar) from their homes to participate in Holy Communion. Please wait until directed before receiving your elements.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who 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, forever. Amen.

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
2. Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
3. We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
4. When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

Prayer After Communion**WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD****† Closing Hymn***Ye Servants of God*

UMH 181

1. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol,
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.
2. God ruleth on high, almighty to save,
and still he is nigh, his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.
3. "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son;
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.
4. Then let us adore and give him his right,
all glory and power, all wisdom and might;
all honor and blessing with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

† Benediction**Postlude***Postlude in F Minor*

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