



Faith
UNITED CHURCH of Christ

Rev. Lynn Morgan | Bridge Pastor
Rev. Gary Burdick | Pastor Emeritus
Robin Miller | Church Musician

Sunday, July 12, 2026
10:15 a.m. Worship Service

7th Sunday after Pentecost

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

Time of Silent Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Kevin Biddle
(Psalm 119:105-106, 111-112)

Leader: Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path.

People: I have sworn and am determined to keep your righteous judgments.

Leader: Your decrees are my inheritance forever; truly, they are the joy of my heart.

People: I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes forever and to the end.

INVOCATION

*HYMN

Thy Word Is a Lamp

On Screens

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Pastor: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (Rom. 8:1)

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 25:19-34

RESPONSORIAL CANTICLE Second Canticle of Isaiah Isaiah 55:6-11

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:1-11

***HYMN**

O Word of God Incarnate

Gray #310

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

SERMON

“The Prodigal Sower”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN**

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Gray #574

***GIFTS and OFFERINGS** *There is an offering plate on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary. May God bless the missions of our church and the needs of the world through the gifts of our resources. Amen.*



***DOXOLOGY**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING** *God Be with You*

Gray #840 vs.1

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

For peace in this country and the world, for our military, for all involved in war, and those who have lost loved ones and are grieving. And also for those whose needs we do not know. For Vickie Bieger, Stephen Dearth, Barb Fink, Scot Kish, Eleanor Kraft, Pat Granville, Carol Mueller, Claudia Renzi, Phil Renzi, Chuck & Sheila Recktenwalt, Leroy Rockwood, Tom & Marilyn Rucker, Joe Ryan, Sally Schutt, Janet Taber.

For Those in the Military: Jacob Braun, Zachary Braun, Justin Buczek, Teegan Partridge, Caydan Skinner, Jamie-Lynn Smerka, Justin Slighter, Joe Solak, Mary Solak, Aaron Wellman and Mark Williams.

OPERATING BUDGET INCOME & EXPENSES

Average weekly operating expenses: \$2,355

Offering collection from July 5, 2026: \$629

Current: \$585 Benevolent: \$44

Attendance on Sunday, July 5, 2026: 27

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Summer hours will remain at 10:15 a.m.** throughout June and July, we will not be changing the times this year.
- Sunday, July 12th - **Welcoming and invitation meeting** after service.
- Sunday, July 19th - Yearly **planning meeting** after service, light lunch provided.
- Wednesday, July 29th - **Ice cream social** 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- **Looking for volunteers** to assist during service with the slide presentation on the screens and online streaming.
- **Meditation for oneness** class begins on August 3rd – September 7th on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. See bulletin board outside Church office.
- We would like to get more people involved in participating in worship services as liturgists. If interested, please sign up on bulletin board outside the church office, or speak with Pastor Lynn or Tim Plewik. Liturgists receive detailed instructions in advance guide them through the readings.
- Please wear your name tag. Name tags are provided for everyone on the wall in the narthex, and everyone is encouraged to please wear them. This is very helpful for people to get to know each other, especially visitors and newer attenders but also long-time members. Thank you.

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