

# THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

June 30, 2024

**PRELUDE:** “*Adoro Te Devote*” by Gilbert M. Martin

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GREETING

### OUR PREPARATION

**Focus of the Day:** God’s mercy and provision in a wicked world.

**INTROIT:** “Be Still and Know” (Hymn #516)

Be still and know that I am God.  
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### CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Welcome to worship. Today, we reflect on Genesis 6:1-8, where God's heart is revealed amidst human wickedness.

**People:** We come seeking His mercy and guidance, aware of our need for His grace.

Leader: "The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become."

**People:** Despite our failings, God’s compassion remains. We come to seek His forgiveness.

Leader: "But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD." God extends His grace to us through Jesus Christ.

**All:** We gather to worship the God who sees our hearts and offers redemption.

**\*HYMN:** #17 “Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him”

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**\*OPENING PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, we come before You acknowledging our shortcomings and seeking Your mercy. As You showed grace to Noah, extend Your grace to us, guiding us toward righteousness. Open our hearts to Your wisdom and love, and fill us with Your Spirit as we worship You today. We pray this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...Our Father... (using debts and debtors...) Amen.

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**\*GLORIA PATRI:** #807

### GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:** Matthew 24:37-39 (page 982) {A.B. page 1084}

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** “Come Jesus Come” by Stephen McWhirter (words on insert)

Mike O’Brien

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:** 2 Peter 2:4-5 (page 1205) {A.B. page 1366}

### Sermon

“A Wicked World”  
(Genesis 3:1-24)  
Pastor Wade Allen

### OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

**\*HYMN:** #342 “How Blest Are They Who, Fearing God”

### PASTORAL PRAYER

**OFFERTORY:** “*Élégie*” by Léon Boëllmann

**\*DOXOLOGY:** #809

**\*HYMN:** #648 “O Jesus I Have Promised”

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### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE:** *Toccata on ‘Old Hundredth’ arr. Robert Lau*

*\* indicates an invitation to stand for those who are able and comfortable doing so.*

## **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**Health concerns:** Linda Gilbert, Jessica Canham (Sharyn's daughter), Bob White (Linda Bailey's brother-in-law), Jim Brown (MacKenzie's father-in-law), Mary Jane Laird, Denice Bailey Tautges, Tom Babcock (friend of Jenny Caron), Phyllis Gerhard (Karen Gardner's mother), Maverick, Carly, and Jenson Ferrante (family of Ardelle Bigos), Maryanne Fox (friend of Ardelle Bigos), Doug Cubbison (Connie Frye's brother), Edwin Gregory (friend of Royal Purdy), Erik Keating (son of Al & Dawn Rossi), Kiana Rae Moore (MacKenzie Brown's cousin), Louise Huck, Catherine Kurzdorfer (Adam Thorman's mother), Carolyn Verspoor, Marcus (friend of Sandi DiCicco), Garrett Nayer (nephew of Karen Gardner), Denise Loy (friend of Kory Massey), David Sanford, Jovannie Ramirez (Karen Roaix's grandson), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp's brother), Clancy Cragle (Michelle's grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), David Crowe, Jack Schermon

**Cancer:** Martha Ashley, Beth Smythe, Keith Laursen (Joyce's brother-in-law), Jerrick Cesna & Sasha (friends of Megan French), Mark Schreier (Virginia Holroyd's friend), Amy Jelensperber (Sheppard family), Dylan Smith (CA senior, friend of many), John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen), Susan Hennessy (Jen Eveleigh's sister), Rich Crowley (Steve & Beth Smythe's friend), Tom & Monica Yurik (Bruce & Deb Gardner's friends), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe's niece), Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade & Christy Allen), Dawn Miller, David Pagoda (Eveleigh family friend), Jim Davis (Scott's father), Stephen Carges (Paula Traber's brother)

**Recovering:** Bill Blance (Ed's brother), Joan Danaher, Sara Scharr, Sara Henderson, Arlene Willett

**Comfort and Peace:** Tom Fortunato (Bill's brother), Harriet Morgan (Megan French's grandma), Mary Zimmerman (Wendy Bacon's mother)

**MILITARY SERVICE:** US Army LT1 Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosecks husband) home from deployment, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN), MAC Adam Thorman (USN), E6 Cody Wells (USN) home from deployment, TSgt Timothy Peck (USAF)

**MISSIONARIES:** Carlos Bonilla & Mayra Giovantti – the BGs (Central/South America), Tim & Patti Long (Baja Mexico), Shelvis & Nancy Smith-Mather (S Sudan refugees in Uganda), Ryan & Alethia White (Berlin)

**Some more upcoming dates you might want to put on your calendar (watch the Monthly Memo or future Lamplighters for details!):**

July 7 – Youth BBQ fundraiser

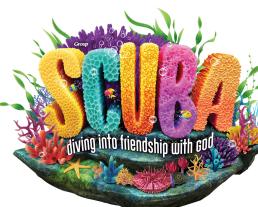
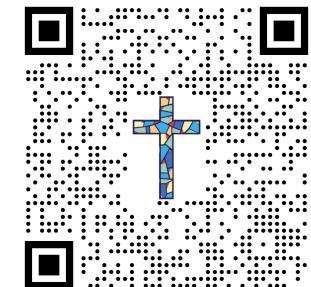
Aug 9 – Fred Magley's Memorial Service, 3 pm

Aug 16-18 – United Church Retreat Weekend

Nov 2 – United Church Seminar

## **Highlights for This Week!**

- There are still a few **tags on the VBS supply board** in the Welcome Center. If you can help, please take a colored paper “tag” off of the supply board in the Welcome Center, purchase the item, and return it to church ASAP, or by the date indicated on the tag.
- Do you have a **light weight bowling ball?** We need to borrow an ~8lb bowling ball for VBS. Please let Deb know if you have one, or drop it off in her office. Please note: *the bowling ball must be 8-10 lbs in order to work for VBS*. If you would like it returned to you, please label it with your name. Thank you!
- **VBS Prayer cards** are available in the Welcome Center. We invite you to take them home and pray for our week of VBS.
- **VBS music is for sale!** We will soon kick-off SCUBA VBS! If you and your family would like a **music CD** or a **digital download card** with both videos and music, you can purchase one for \$7 each (cash or check to The United Church). Learn the songs for VBS a little early, and enjoy them all summer long!
- **Tech Help** - For those who need tech help with the church app or help signing up for events, we will have our very own Dan Frye available after service TODAY in the Welcome Center.
- **Chicken BBQ Fundraiser** - Sunday, July 7, in the Runnings Parking Lot, after church service - Thank you for your support of our youth missions experiences. **We are still in need of 5 additional volunteers to staff the fundraiser. Please contact Mark if you are available.**
- **Greeter Coordinator for the month of July:** Rachel Rensberger. Please contact Rachel if you have any questions about serving as a Greeter.
- **Summer Event Registration** - Sign up on Planning Center now to help us prepare! We have sign ups for the Retreats (Youth, Young Adult, Adult) and Summer Youth Mission Experiences! For those who need tech help to sign up, June 30 we will have tech support in the Welcome Center, after service. (QR code →)



**VBS kick-off** is this coming **Sunday, July 7 at 6:30pm**. All VBS participants are invited to attend this optional kick-off. We will sing songs, recognize volunteers, and begin our underwater adventure! Any VBS participant who attends the VBS kick off and brings a plain, washed t-shirt (with no fabric softener or dryer sheets) can get a **special SCUBA iron on decal**, *available Sunday night only*.

**ARE YOU VISITING US TODAY?** If so, WELCOME to the United Church, we are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us. We invite you to check out our Welcome Table found in our Welcome Center, and to pick up a blue bag for yourself/your family to take home and to learn a little bit more about us. Please fill out a visitor card and drop it in the collection plate or mail in. **We are so happy that you joined us today and look forward to seeing you again soon!**

**Nursery care** is offered during service ~ a combined nursery meets in room 10. Nursery care is available for infants through preschoolers.

**Children's Time** ~ There is Children's Time today. After the children's sermon, children in **Kindergarten through 2nd grade** are invited to the *Fellowship Room* for an age-appropriate lesson. Parents, please pick up your children promptly after the service. Thank you!

### Celebrating Kateri

As you know, Kateri Andress will be leaving us on July 14th to accept her new position in Nashville, TN. Kateri has blessed us with her musical and vocal talents for the past three years.

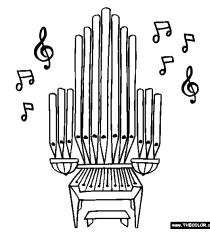
If you would like to express your appreciation to Kateri, there is a basket in the Gathering Area for any cards, notes or gifts you would like to give to her. The basket will be in the Gathering Area through July 7<sup>th</sup>. It will also be available at Kateri's brunch in the Dining Room.

Please plan to attend the **brunch** in honor of Kateri immediately following the morning service **TODAY** in the church Dining Room.

Following the brunch, Kateri will be performing an **organ concert** for us including some of her favorite pieces as well as a few of our favorite hymns.

The Staff Relations Committee is happy to announce that we have hired a new organist. **David Kraft**, a student at Eastman School of Music, will begin on August 4th.

**Parking** reminders for summer: only **2 cars** may park between the Main Street driveways, otherwise the shuttle bus cannot make it through. Also, if you are able-bodied, consider parking in one of the further lots or the courthouse and saving the closer spots for our friends that need them. Thank you!



Here's an easy way to find the Church Center app and get set up! You can use this link:  
<https://uccdga.churchcenter.com/setup> or use this QR code and follow the step by step instructions. Please let any staff member know if you need help.



**We invite our church family to be praying for our many summer campers - that their experience at camp would deepen and strengthen their relationship with Jesus.**

### Miracle Mountain Ranch

Hannah Aldrich, June 30-July 5 (Wild West Camp)

Adele Marshall, June 30-July 5 (Wild West Camp)

Paige Munson, June 30-July 5 (Wild West Camp)

Sophie Munson, June 30-July 5 (Wild West Camp)



### LeTourneau Christian Center

Violet Thorman, June 30-July 5 (Baking Champions)

Jesse Cheney, July 15-19 (Wood Working)

Joy Cheney, July 15-19 (Wood Working)

Isabella Harris-Chwiecko, July 15-19 (Arts and Crafts Camp)

Jackson Callard, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)

Juliana Callard, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)

Billy Clark, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest, day camp)

Aria Hildebrandt, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)

Mason Hildebrandt, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)

Liam Hildebrandt, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)

Josiah Seeber, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)

Elijah Seeber, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)

Kailynn Stewart, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest Overnight Camp)

David Quimby, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest, day camp)

Sam Quimby, July 22-26 (Adventure Quest, day camp)

Graham Beyrle, Aug 12-15 (Wacky Water 2)

Carter Slomski, Aug 12-15 (Lego Builders)



### Beaver Camp

Elise Cunningham, July 7-12 (Bears)

Eva Clark, July 21-26 (Beavers)

Lily Munson, July 21-26 (Bears)

Amelia Cunningham, August 4-9 (Teen Camp)

Anna Zajac, August 4-9 (Teen Camp)

The following young adults are working at Beaver Camp this summer: Natalie Cunningham, Summer Cunningham, Grace Payne, and Jen Petracchi



### NTS Camp at Houghton College

Walter Marshall, July 7-11

# MISSIONS

## Faith and Action

Praying for HORSES, REFUGEES and the HOMELESS, OUR KIDS, THE CHURCH

**“For to be sure, he was crucified in weakness, yet he lives by God’s power. Likewise, we are weak in him, yet by God’s power we will live with him in our dealing with you.” II Cor 13:4 is July 1-5 memory verse at LeTourneau Baking Champions camp.**



*I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.<sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes<sup>[a]</sup> so that it will be even more fruitful.<sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.<sup>4</sup> Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.*

*<sup>5</sup> “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:1-5 is June 30-July 5 theme at Miracle Mountain’s Wild West camp.*

Pray for Adele, Hannah, Paige, Sophie, and Violet learning and living at camp this week. Also pray for the staff welcoming each camper. Horses – give thanks for horses and all creatures God has made.

**THE FAITHFUL CHURCH desire is “That All Might Know, Love, and Follow Jesus Christ as their Personal Lord and Savior”. Our goal for all homeless and refugees is safety and hope.**



### Come Jesus Come

by Stephen McWhirter

#### [Verse 1]

Sometimes I fall, to my knees and pray  
Come, Jesus come  
Let today be the day  
Sometimes I feel, like I'm gonna break  
But I'm holding on  
To a hope that won't fade

#### [Chorus]

Come, Jesus, come  
We've been waiting so long  
For the day You return to heal every hurt,  
and right every wrong  
We need You right now  
Come and turn this around  
Deep down I know, this world isn't home  
Come, Jesus, come  
Come, Jesus, come

#### [Verse 2]

There'll be no war, and there'll be no chains  
When Jesus comes  
Let today be the day  
He'll come for the weak  
And the strong just the same  
And all will believe  
In the power of His name [to Chorus]

#### [Verse 3]

One day He'll come  
And we'll stand face to face  
Come and lay it all down  
'Cause it might be today  
The time is right now  
There's no need to wait  
Your past will be washed  
By rivers of grace [to Chorus]

## Sermon Notes & Doodles: