

* * * ORDER OF WORSHIP * * *

WE GATHER

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES

PRELUDE

+Harper Zeuch

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: O God, you are the gathering one

ALL: who calls us into community with each other to love and work, to support and heal.

ONE: You are the gathering one

ALL: who calls us into community with all people; to bring justice and hope, freedom and truth.

ONE: You are the gathering one

ALL: who calls us into community with the whole creation; to live in harmony, to cherish and renew. Let us worship the God who makes us one.

***OPENING HYMN** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #57 UMH/#21 TB
Pink Insert Collected

*** OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious God, you call us together as your people. Open our hearts to hear your voice—in Scripture, in prayer, and through one another. Remind us that we were never meant to follow Jesus alone. Teach us to receive the care of others and to offer our own hands and hearts to those who need us. Make us a community where faith is strengthened, burdens are shared, and your love is known. In the name of Jesus, who calls us together. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you, always.
And also, with you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 2:1-5

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ONE: The Word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Calling a Friend*

Rev. Dawn Taylor-Storm

WE RESPOND

HYMN

"Freely, Freely"

#389 UMH/#436 TB

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INSERT

concluding with unison Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)

CALL TO ACTION

OFFERING

+Bethany Zeuch

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all Blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE GO FORTH

***CLOSING HYMN** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #557 UMH/#426 TB

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG RESPONSE** "Shalom to You"

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

***POSTLUDE**

(*)= Please stand if able | (+)= 10:00 AM Service Only
UMH= United Methodist Hymnal TB=Tabernacle Hymnal

The pink insert in your bulletin is there for you to share any joys or concerns you may have for our prayer time this morning. Please hand the slip to an usher during the Opening Hymn; they will deliver your request to the pastor for sharing and inclusion in our prayer chain. If you are visiting with us and would like to share any information, please use the other side of the insert.

Greeters:

Tom Maure & Louise Rynd

Flowers:

Today's flowers are to say Thank you to Bethany and Harper for their music this morning.

++++++ANNOUNCEMENTS++++++

Sunday	Aug. 23rd	The Susquehanna Chorale	7:00 PM Tabernacle
Wednesday	Aug. 26 th	Liturgy of the Ordinary	1:00 PM Tabernacle
Friday	Aug. 28 th	Linda Dodge Service	10:00 AM Sanctuary
Sunday	Aug. 30 th	New Holland Band	7:00 PM Tabernacle
Wednesday	Sept. 9th	Gathering Place	Noon
Sunday	Sept. 20 th	Picnic at Gretna Glen	Save the Date

Linda Dodge

On August 28th there will be a Celebration of Life service for Linda Dodge. This will be held in the Sanctuary at 10:00am.

West District Day 2026 at Gretna Glen:

Friends,

All are welcome! Come to Gretna Glen Camp & Retreat Center on **August 29th, from 10:30am -3:00pm**, for a day of fellowship with your West District United Methodist family. Lunch will be served from 12:00-1:00, activities for All Ages, Music & Hymn Sing, Fellowship & Fun. This is a free event, come for the whole time or just a part.

Together in Ministry,

Rev. Jennifer Freymoyer

West District Superintendent

If you plan to attend, please let the office know by August 25.

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***"A church for all seasons
and ALL people"***



Our Vision is ...

- to know Christ and make him known.
- to help people become—and grow as—followers of Christ.
- to relieve suffering, in our community and beyond, through our members' ministries.

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