

**GRAND AVENUE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Pastor: Rev. Taylor Loy
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Deacon: Rev. Dr. Isaac Choh
September 17, 2023

WELCOME

Welcome to Grand Avenue United Methodist Church! Thank you for worshiping with us! Greeters can provide children's activity bags. Please let us know how we may assist you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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.

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.

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "He Is So Great" arr. Fred Bock

+HYMN OF PRAISE "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" UMH 334

+OPENING PRAYER (*unison*)

When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.

The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.

Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?

O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the God of Jacob,

who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.
(Psalm 114)

BAPTISMAL CELEBRATION (*unison*) UMH 135

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying,

"I will sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously;

the horse and its rider he has thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation;

this is my God whom I will praise.

I will exalt my father's God who is a mighty warrior, whose name is the Lord.

Pharaoh's chariots and his host the Lord cast into the sea; and his chosen officers are sunk in the Red Sea.

The floods cover them; they went down into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power,

Your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.

Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, terrible in glorious deeds, doing wonders?

You stretched out your right hand, the earth swallowed them.

In your steadfast love, you have led the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

You will bring them in, and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O Lord, which you have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.

The Lord will reign for ever and ever."

Then Miriam, the prophet, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and dancing, and Miriam sang to them:

"Sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously;

The horse and its rider the Lord has thrown into the sea."

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (*unison*)

Living God, when the Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism in Jordan's water, you revealed him as your own beloved Son. You anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior now and forever. Amen.

- UMC Book of Worship (1992)

CHILDREN'S SERMON "Jesus Loves Me" Organ

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 14:19-31 O.T. 61

+HYMN OF PROCLAMATION "Baptized in Water" TFWS 2248

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 3:13-17 N.T. 3

SERMON "All We Who Have Been Baptized" Rev. Taylor Loy

CHORAL ANTHEM "Everlasting Arms" Chancel Choir
arr. Reba Miller

+TITHES AND OFFERINGS/DOXOLOGY UMH 95

SERVICE CONTINUES OUTSIDE

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

Glory be to the father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.



Prayer Concerns

Nursing Homes:

Cavalier Healthcare in England-Barbara Decker;
Crestpark in Stuttgart-
 Mary Helen Black;
Fox Ridge Assisted Living in Little Rock-
 Susanne Braithwaite;

Members:

Margaret Beck,
 Mike Brady, Larry Cage,
 Clara Dobson,
 Jackson Eagle,
 Lynette and Roland Endres,
 Nellie Gunter, Cathie Jones,
 Barbara Layher,
 Ann Prislovsky
 Sara Ragan, Joyce Roth,
 Fredda Voumard

Others:

Preston Barnett,
 Judy Honeycutt Baser,
 Averie Brown,
 Timmy Brunetti,
 Bonnie Dodson,
 Abigail Grace Fox,
 Wayne Griffith,
 Chance Heath, Lori Horton,
 Ken Huguenard,
 Dora Inman,
 Alexandra Johnson,
 Brett & Jeannette Johnson,
 Vivian Johnson,
 John and Diana Lubeck,
 Michael Murray,
 Michael Nall,
 Lou Neighbors,
 Jeannie Reagan,
 Myriam Sanders,
 Brittany Smalling,
 John Stovesand,
 Roger Strabala,
 Jeremy Watkins,
 David Wood,
 Matt Wood

SERVING THIS WEEK

Greeter- Debby Strabala

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Sun. Sept. 17 5:45 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Youth (7th-12th Grades)
Mon. Sept. 18 6:00 p.m. Trustees, CO
Tues. Sept 19 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Bible Study, CL
 7:00 p.m. Finance Meeting, CO
Wed. Sept. 20 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. UMKids, FH
 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Handbells, CR
 7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. Chancel Choir, CR

LOOKING AHEAD

Sept. 24 Bishop Merrill visit to Grand Avenue (Insert)
Sept. 26 6:00 p.m. Church Council meeting, FH
Sept. 30 Fellowship Outing, Dondie's (Insert)
Oct. 4 Wednesday Lunch Bunch
Oct. 8 Pastor Appreciation Sunday
Oct. 12 5:30 p.m. UWF Meeting, FH

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OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Sunday Worship Attendance 40	General Fund/Pledge \$1,505.00 Dollar Bill \$10.00 Memorials \$140.00 Grand Total \$1,655.00
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Ministry Staff

Bishop - Laura Merrill
 Pastor - Rev. Taylor Loy
 Pianist - Wanda Mayfield
 Church Secretary - Charla Clemons
 District Superintendent - Edna Morgan
 Music Director - Rev. Dr. Isaac Choh
 Youth Director - Austin Hayes
 Custodians - Joy White/Jennifer Bumpus

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United Methodist Church

Stuttgart, Arkansas
 September 17, 2023
 10:00 a.m.

Our **Grand Purpose** is to be an Avenue
 to Loving, Living and Sharing **Christ.**