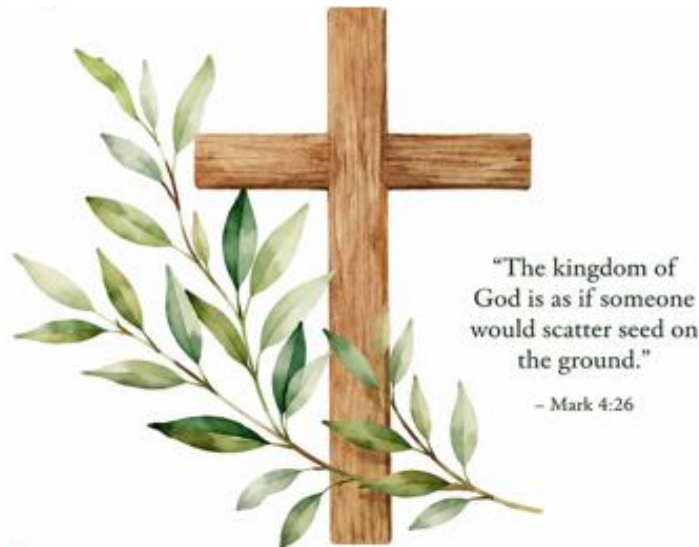




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FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome Nancy Byrd, CLM

Kettering Christ UMC

July 19, 2026

11:00 A.M.

*Please rise as you are able or in your hearts.

**Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

PRELUDE

Here I Am to Worship

By Tim Hughes,
arranged by Larry Shackley

WELCOME AND WORDS OF COMMUNITY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God knows us better than we know ourselves.

People: Even in the darkest places, the light of God's love is there.

Leader: There is nowhere we can flee from God's presence.

People: In the heavens and in the depths, the Holy One abides with us.

Leader: We are God's children, serving the Lord from generation to generation.

People: God is the one who keeps promises and who provides for us wherever we go.

Leader: How awesome is this place!

People: This is God's house and the gateway to the heavens.

ALL: AMEN.

***GATHERING HYMN** Lead On, O Cloud of Presence TFWS # 2234

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostle's Creed UMH # 881

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, dead, 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.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory Be to the Father

UMH # 70

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Where Children Belong

TFWS # 2233

Sherri Sutter

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

PRAYER CHORUS

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

TFWS # 2200

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Abba God, you have given us your Word to guide us in the way of life, yet we confess that we often choose our own paths. Pull from our hearts the weeds of distrust, greed, anger, jealousy, and fear that keep us from bearing good fruit. Breathe your compassion into us, strengthen us as your children, and help us live with love for you and for our neighbors. May our lives shine with your light in a hurting world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF PETITION

After each petition, we enter into the prayer together with these words:

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy,

People: Hear our Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

Nearer, My God, to Thee

arranged by Tom Trenney Guest soloist: Sharon Kohnle

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 13: 24-30

SERMON

Such a Mess... Yet we Thrive Nancy Byrd, CLM

OFFERTORY

Just As I Am

By William B. Bradbury,

arranged by Carol Tornquist

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH # 94

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***SENDING HYMN**

Hope of the World

UMH # 178

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Great Is the Lord By Michael W. Smith &
Deborah D. Smith, arranged by Jack Schrader

ACTIVITIES: JULY 20 - JULY 26

Monday, July 20

Pantry Open 9 A.M.

Wednesday, July 22

Food Truck Delivery 11 A.M.

Volunteers are needed to help unload.

Pantry 6 P.M.

Friday, July 24

Pantry Open 9 A.M.

Sunday, July 26

Adult Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

Worship Service 11 A.M.

Kids' Bible Class 11 A.M.

TODAY'S SERVANT LEADERS

Worship Leader

Pam Hounshell

Pianist

Sherri Sutter

Greeter

Wayne Hounshell

Trustee

Mike Zuber

Kids' Bible Class Teacher

Terri Hoenermann

VAN DRIVER FOR JULY 26

Van Request: Greg -- 937 - 620-1472

To ride the van, you must make your request the day before or you will not be picked up!

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

- [Genesis 29:15-28](#)
- [Psalm 105:1-11, 45b](#)
- [Romans 8:26-39](#)
- [Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52](#)

PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer ministry after worship each Sunday. For those who have special prayer requests, please see someone from the Prayer Ministry in the Narthex.

Church Staff

Pastor Rev. E. Neil Gaiser, OSL, **Administrative Assistant** Carol McDougle,
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