

INSPIRATIONAL MUSIC  
*Your Way's Better* By: Forrest Frank

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 4:4-6 CEB  
Jameson Jaspers

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 3:1-17 CEB  
Jax Jaspers

L: The Living Word of God for the people of God.  
**P: Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE Pastor Cathy Nutting

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS TIME OF SHARING  
Makayla Hudson, Jameson Jaspers, Jax Jaspers,  
Lilly McCombs, Christopher Peterson, and  
Sawyer Sorensen

SERVICE OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Christopher Peterson  
**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we  
may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN:  
*Freely, Freely* Hymnal 389

\*COMMISSION:  
Pastor: Love God and serve the people.  
**People: Love the people and serve God.**

\*BENEDICTION Lilly McCombs

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated for a moment of reflection.)*

**Ministers:**  
All the Church Members  
**Organist/Choir Director:**  
Mike Cooper

**Pianist:**  
Heidi Freidhof

**Usher/Greeters:**  
Makayla Hudson  
Sawyer Sorensen

**Acolyte:**  
Jameson Jaspers  
Sawyer Sorensen

**Liturgist:**  
Jameson Jaspers  
Jax Jaspers

**Visual Tech:** open  
**Fellowship:** open

**Nursery:**  
Brandy Halsten

**Janitorial:**  
Hoppes Family

**Administrative Assistant:**  
Danene Rebelsky

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Jess Jaspers

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# Van Meter UMC

*Nurturing children, supporting families,  
creating community as we share our faith.*



## Baptism



## Confirmation

Adult Discussion Group  
will resume meeting in the fall.



Open Hearts  
Open Minds  
Open Doors

Worship 10:45 AM

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

August 23, 2026  Confirmation Sunday, Holy Communion

Assistive listening devices are available from ushers.

## PRELUDE

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES:  
*Here I Am Lord* Hymnal 593

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Lilly McCombs

\*PASSING THE PEACE: Christopher Peterson  
Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**  
Leader: Let us greet one another with signs of peace and love.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: John 1:1-5, 9-24, 16-17 NIV Jax Jaspers

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Please remain standing as you are able.)* Makayla Hudson  
The journey of faith is a journey through life.  
We are pilgrims, travelers, making our way.  
**We sojourn on the pathway of the saints.**  
**Today we celebrate tomorrow’s leaders.**  
We hold our hands out to them,  
and beckon them to join us on the journey.  
**We celebrate a new generation of faith,**  
**a new branch, with its leaves about to blossom.**  
Let us make a place for them and  
let them know that the family of Christ...  
**is their family, too, as we all worship God together.**

(Please be seated.)  
CHILDREN’S TIME - Blessing of the Backpacks

\*Indicates stand, as you are able. **Bold** indicates all join in. FWS indicates *The Faith We Sing* book.

MORNING PRAYER: Makayla Hudson

**In the beginning, God, you fashioned a universe.**  
**Each star and planet had its beginning in you.**  
**Out of the void, you brought light and life.**  
**Through eons of creativity, you have acted, and today**  
**we are here, inheritors of an amazing process.**  
**And you are here, waiting to greet us.**  
**As you acted in our baptism, you are acting still**  
**to make all things new within us and among us.**  
**Refresh, renew, and heal us with the power of your loving Spirit,**  
**that we may live with purpose, enthusiasm, and courage**  
**after the manner of Jesus, who is truly whole. Amen**

HYMN of PREPARATION *Pass It On* Hymnal 572

OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS Sawyer Sorensen

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Sawyer Sorensen

THE LORD’S PRAYER:  
**Our Father, who 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, for ever. Amen.**

OUR TIME OF GIVING Jameson Jaspers, Jax Jaspers,  
Sawyer Sorensen, Christopher Peterson

\*DOXOLOGY Hymnal 95

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Sawyer Sorensen