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June 22, 2025

GATHERING/WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

There is no longer Jew or Greek,
there is no longer slave or free,
there is no longer male and female:
for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.
We are children of God through faith.



***Song of Praise**

“Christ is Risen”

UMH #307

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| 1. Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days. Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed. In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown. | 2. Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair. Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend; Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end. | 3. Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!" God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone! |
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Acolytes bring in the light of Christ acknowledging the Presence of God.

Centering Prayer Song

“Holy Spirit, Come to Us”

FWS #2118

1. Holy Spirit come to us. Repeat 3 times

CONFESSION:

Merciful and gracious God,
we walk in a way that is not good.
We follow our own devices.
We ignore your image in ourselves and in our neighbors.
Do not turn away from us, O God,
but hear our cry for blessing.
Lead us out of the tombs we inhabit.
Guide us into your light
so that we may walk in your way. Amen.
All pray in silence.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

YOUNG DISCIPLES TIME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

As you spoke to the Legions, O God, speak now to the forces that surround us. By your Spirit, let your word illumine the darkness, and your light break through our delusions, that we may see your truth. **Amen.**

Galatians 3: 23-29

3:23Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. 24Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. 25But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, 26for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. 27As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. 29And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

| *Song of Preparation: | “Word of God, Speak” v.1-3 | W&S #3184 |
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| 1. I'm finding myself at a loss for words And the funny thing is it's okay The last thing I need is to be heard But to hear what You would say | Chorus Word of God speak would You pour down like rain washing my eyes to see Your majesty to be still and know that You're in this place please let me stay and rest in Your holiness (Word of God speak) | |
| 2. I'm finding myself in the midst of You Beyond the music beyond the noise All that I need is to be with You And in the quiet hear Your voice (Chorus) | | |

Luke 8: 26-39

8:26Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. 28When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me," 29for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) 30Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many

demons had entered him. 31They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. 32Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. 33Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. 34When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. 35Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. 36Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. 37Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. 38The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

SERMON: **“The Inclusivity of God”** **Rev. Laura Hewett Becker**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

***SONG OF THANKS: #95 Doxology**

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE

***Song of Commitment: “*This Little Light of Mine*” UMH #585**

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| 1. This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine) | 2 Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine, everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine, everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine) |
| 3 All through the night, I'm goin'a let it shine, All through the night, I'm goin'a let it shine, All through the night, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine) | |

Blessing/Benediction

UMH=United Methodist Hymnal; FWS=The Faith We Sing



Please pray for our members and loved ones who are homebound or residing in nursing homes. Also, please pray for:
The Families of..... Ben Simcox brother of Leticia Rayburn, Heather
(Daughter of Jenny Tucker, Christy McMillan.

..and for the following individuals: Bert Nesloney, Barbara Young, Jerry Bearden, LeiLei Vermulen (chemo treatments), Tim Grimshaw (son of Beverly & Randall), Marty Evans (son of Dennis & Kay Evans), Tami Smith, Serena Kaderka Kerr (daughter-in-law of Kerrs), Aubrey Burrow, Gerry Gamel, Kathy Kerr, Kash (Rodney Flemings 1 yr old grandson), Kerry Graham Rustin, Rance Vierus, Haley Beda, Rick Woerner(Father of Tiffany K.), Joan Whitaker, Shirley Beth Lyles, Lauren Hoerster, Anne Chappell, Connar Reardon, Doris Grote, Lorine Metz, Bonnie Woerner (Stepmother of Tiffany Klaerner), the church, the homeless, and all those affected by war and those affected by natural disasters. UM Army coming to Mason FUMC.

Please pray for our members and loved ones who are in the military. U.S. Army: Joseph Alba, T.J. Schovajsa, Britney Schovajsa and Kalyn Bauer USAF: Matt Adam US Navy: Ferd T. Slocum III & Truman Coe

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This week's Calendar

Sunday, June 22nd

9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages

11:00 AM Worship Service

1:30 PM Youth Leave for UMARMY Mission Trip

Monday, June 23rd

9:30 AM Prayer Shawl

10:30 AM Senior Exercise Class

Tuesday, June 24th

Birthdays: John Palacio

2:40 PM Steady Steps Chapel

Wednesday, June 25th

10:30 AM Senior Exercise Class

Thursday, June 26th

Birthdays: Trudy Irwin

Friday, June 27th

10:30 AM Senior Exercise Class

Saturday, June 28th

Birthdays: Terri Reardon

Sunday, June 29th

Birthdays: Blixen Hofmann

9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages

11:00 AM Worship Service

Giving and Attendance

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| LAST WEEK'S GIVING..... | \$3,406.00 |
| JUNE MTD GIVING..... | \$27,240.82 |
| JUNE BUDGETED INCOME..... | \$31,424.58 |
| JUNE MTD EXPENSE..... | \$16,353.71 |
| JUNE BUDGETED EXP..... | \$34,237.31 |
| LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE..... | 38 |