

Sermon “Fasting” Pastor Kayla Mangrich

Responsive Hymn “Here I Am, Lord” UMH 593

Offertory

Doxology UMH 94

Prayer of Dedication

*Benediction

Closing Hymn “Seek Ye First” UMH 405

Postlude by Henry Schenker

July 19-25, 2026

Sunday

10:00am Worship

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

6:30pm Education Meeting

Happy Birthday—Susan Tunnell

Thursday

Happy Birthday—Alaina Suchsland

Happy Anniversary—Ed & Lonna Rowse—32 years

Friday

Happy Anniversary—Rod & Linda Duffey—28 years

Saturday



United Methodist Church

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Order of Worship for July 19, 2026

8th Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude by Henry Schenker

Welcome of Guests—Greeting—Sharing of Announcements

1. Education Meeting Wednesday, July 22, at 6:30pm.
2. “Feed My Starving Children” Mobile pack will be at Phelps County Ag Center August 7-8, if you would like to volunteer.
3. Please bring your donations in a box for the rummage sale and place them in Room 103. Sale is Aug. 11-13.
4. Check Bulletin board by office for information.
5. If you'd like to volunteer as a helper during worship service please sign up on the sheet located at the back.

Invocation

Opening Hymn “God of Grace and God of Glory” UMH 577

*Call to Worship

One: Come, people of God, and seek the One who satisfies every hungry heart.

Many: We come longing to draw nearer to God.

One: God calls us to more than outward acts of devotion.

Many: God calls us to lives of justice, mercy, and compassion.

One: Like Esther, may we find courage to trust God's leading, even when the path is difficult.

Many: Strengthen us to faithfully answer God's call.

One: Jesus reminds us that our heavenly Father sees what is done in secret and delights in hearts devoted to him.

Many: May our worship be sincere, our fasting faithful, and our lives transformed by God's grace.

All: Come, let us worship the Lord with humble hearts and joyful spirits. Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Young Disciple's Lesson

“Where Children Belong” TFWS 2233

Prayer Hymn “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” UMH 390

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer of Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Preparatory Hymn

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” UMH 581

Scripture Proclamation read by Dawn Moyer

Esther 4:12-17

When they told Mordecai Esther's words, he had them respond to Esther: “Don't think for one minute that, unlike all the other Jews, you'll come out of this alive simply because you are in the palace. In fact, if you don't speak up at this very important time, relief and rescue will appear for the Jews from another place, but you and your family will die. But who knows? Maybe it was for a moment like this that you came to be part of the royal family.” Esther sent back this word to Mordecai: “Go, gather all the Jews who are in Susa and tell them to give up eating to help me be brave. They aren't to eat or drink anything for three whole days, and I myself will do the same, along with my female servants. Then, even though it's against the law, I will go to the king; and if I am to die, then die I will.” So Mordecai left where he was and did exactly what Esther had ordered him.

Isaiah 58:6-11

Isn't this the fast I choose: releasing wicked restraints, untying the ropes of a yoke, setting free the mistreated, and breaking every yoke? Isn't it sharing your bread with the hungry and bringing the homeless poor into your house, covering the naked when you see them, and not hiding from your own family? Then your light will break out like the dawn, and you will be healed quickly. Your own righteousness will walk before you and the Lord's glory will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and God will say, “I'm here.” If you remove the yoke from among you, the finger-pointing, the wicked speech; if you open your heart to the hungry, and provide abundantly for those who are afflicted, your light will shine in the darkness, and your gloom will be like the noon. The Lord will guide you continually and provide for you, even in parched places. He will rescue your bones. You will be like a watered garden, like a spring of water that won't run dry.

Matthew 6:16-18

“And when you fast, don't put on a sad face like the hypocrites. They distort their faces so people will know they are fasting. I assure you that they have their reward. When you fast, brush your hair and wash your face. Then you won't look like you are fasting to people, but only to your Father who is present in that secret place. Your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

The Word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.