

Sunday, June 14, 2026
Third Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP—congregational responses in bold**

God meets us in surprising yet ordinary places—under a tree, in the smile of a stranger, in a refreshing breeze that comes at just the right time.

God, open our hearts to notice your presence all around us.

God speaks to us in surprising yet ordinary ways—in a well-placed word from a friend, in a prayer that comes at just the right time, in a song that resonates through our entire being.

God, open our minds to recognize your voice all around us.

God fulfills God's promises in surprising yet ordinary ways—in an unexpected act of kindness, in providing just what we need at just the right time, in sending someone to listen when we feel alone.

God, open our hands to receive your blessings all around us.

Beloved, in the surprising and ordinary ways that God shows up among us, may we meet God and our neighbors with open hearts, minds, and hands, ready to encounter God's miraculous work.

God, open our lives to receive your blessings, that we may share together in the joy, wonder, and laughter of God's miraculous works all around us.

***OPENING HYMN**

Open My Eyes, That I May See UMH#454

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 116:1-2; 12-19

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE As the children come forward, please sing "Jesus Loves Me" First Verse only UMH#191

JOYS/CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

PREPATORY HYMN

Trust and Obey UMH#467

SCRIPTURE:

Genesis: 18:1-15; 21:1-7

SERMON

A Miracle Called Laughter

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you reached into Abraham and Sarah's lives and asked them to dream the impossible dream—that you would transform what appears to have been a barren and lifeless situation into one overflowing with promise and hope—and, through faith in you, they believed your promises.

Forgive us, O God, if we never get beyond thinking of your call on our lives as an impossible dream or even as an unwelcome interruption.

Faithful God, the apostle Paul emphasizes Abraham's complete trust and faith in your promises and how he grew ever stronger in faith, fully convinced of your ability to fulfill what had been promised.

Forgive us, O God, when we find it hard even to hear your promises above commercial assurances of transformation—promises tempting us to trust the newest and trendiest product to realize our dreams.

Merciful God, Jesus revealed the great depth of your love in his determination to defeat evil even when this meant giving up his own life. **Forgive us, O God, when we allow the power of evil to flourish because we fear that taking up one's cross would be just too costly an exercise.**

Gracious and loving God, forgive our lack of trust in you; **Have mercy on us and forgive us.**

Help us when we hesitate,

And strengthen us when we are weak

Breathe your Spirit afresh into our hearts and minds—our lives—so that we have the courage to follow Jesus wherever he takes us. Amen.

HOLY BAPTISM

Olivia Ann Dodge

Please join us in the liturgy beginning on page 39 in your red pew hymnal and join in with the bolded congregational responses.

HYMN

God Claims You TFWS2249 (Insert)

OFFERING/DOXOLOGY/PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

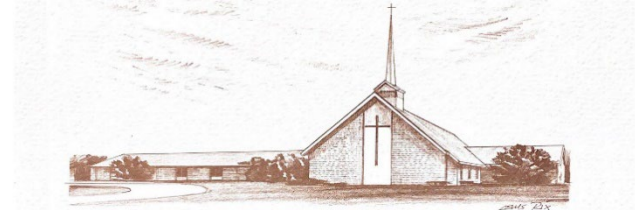
Standing on the Promises UMH#374

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please remain seated until after the Postlude. Let this time center you to **Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously** this week.*

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United Methodist Church Vision: *The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.*

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