

Sunday, July 26, 2026
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP—*congregational responses in bold

Beloved, this is the core of our faith: nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

God's never-ending love surrounds us and calls us, assuring us that through God's love, all things will work together for God's good purposes.

Thanks be to God!

God's never-breaking love empowers us in the face of temptation, distress, division, and scarcity to hold onto our faith and work together for the flourishing of all God's good creation.

Thanks be to God!

Come, let us worship God who is Love, trusting that through joy and sorrow, happiness and despair, contentment and pain, Love will carry us through.

Thanks be to God who forms, connects, and guides us through Love. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing UMH#57

OPENING PRAYER

God, Your extravagant love has called us together. Long before we even knew You, You already knew us, and had chosen us to be part of Your own family— sisters and brothers with our Lord Jesus Christ Himself. What amazing love You have shown toward us! And so we come before You with praise and thanksgiving, offering You the worship of our hearts and lives, and opening ourselves to the prompting and leading of Your Holy Spirit. Receive our worship—our praise and prayers and offerings— through the intercession of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. May the time we spend here in Your presence bring honor and glory to Your Name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

John 11: 17-21, 38-44

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

JOYS/CONCERNS/PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

PREPARATORY HYMN

Surely, The Presence UMH#318

SCRIPTURE:

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

SERMON

Can Dry Bones Live?

Bishop Keenetha Bigham-Tsai

HOLY COMMUNION *In the United Methodist tradition, we believe in a table open to all because this is the table of Jesus Christ. All who desire to deepen their relationship with Jesus and choose to partake are welcome and received with love. Our bread is gluten-free. If you have an offering today, please place it in the plate as you come forward to receive communion. Please join in the bolded responses of the liturgy beginning on page 12 in your red pew hymnal. The responses will also be on the screen.*

DOXOLOGY/PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

Let There be Peace on Earth UMH#431

BENEDICTION

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

Sunday, July 19, 2026

Attendance-

Tithes, Offerings, & Loose plate: \$

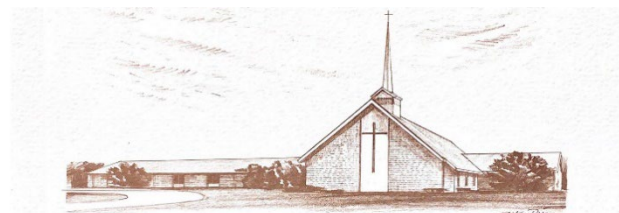
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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT
PORT BYRON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



United Methodist Church Mission: *The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

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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