



Come as You are. Grow in Grace. Serve in Love.
10:00am Worship for July 12, 2026
7th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude *Prelude and Figure in D minor* J.S. Bach
Narmina Aliyeva

Passing of the Peace*

Call to Worship* Rev. Christian Taylor
**Rise in body or in spirit*

The Sower goes out to sow, scattering the word of God with generous grace.
Some seed falls on hard paths, some among stones, some among thorns, and some in good soil.

Lord, prepare the soil of our hearts.

Break up what is hardened, deepen what is shallow, and clear away what crowds out your voice.

Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

Guide us in your truth, and lead us in your way.

In the bulb, there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree.

In our worship, plant hope. In our lives, we grow in faith.

May the word of Christ take root in us and bear fruit for the kingdom.

Let us receive God's promise with open hearts and joyful praise.

All: Come, let us worship the God who plants, tends, and brings forth life.

Opening Hymn* *Thy Word is a Lamp* UMH #601

Hebrew Bible Reading Psalm 119:105-112 Rev. Jennifer Casto

Children's Moments Rev. Jennifer Casto

After the conclusion of Children's Moments, children 4 years old-3rd grade are invited to attend Children's Church in South Fellowship Hall until the end of the worship service.

Nursery care for ages 0-3 years is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please see an usher for assistance.

Special Music *A Rightful Place* Steve Angrisano
Jarod Ogier, Emily Campbell, Tim Byrer, Emily Stuart (CCLI #7007170)
Pew Pocket Prayer cards will be collected by the pastors during this piece.

Season of Prayer
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Jennifer Casto

Offerings in Ministries and Gifts

Rev. Christian Taylor

Offertory Music

Psalm 23 (Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy)

Shane Barnard

Jarod Ogier, Emily Campbell, Tim Byrer, Emily Stuart (CCLI #7054930)

Doxology*

Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow

UMH #94

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, all we have comes from Your generous hand. Today, we return a portion of those blessings to You. Use these gifts to bring comfort to the hurting, strength to the weary, and light to places in need of hope. May our giving reflect our gratitude and our lives bear witness to Your love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel Reading*

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Rev. Christian Taylor

Sermon

"Extravagant Grace"

Rev. Christian Taylor

Closing Hymn*

Hymn of Promise

UMH #707

Benediction*

Rev. Christian Taylor

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.

May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

Postlude

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne

Narmina Aliyeva

Acolytes: Samuel, Everett, & Kennedy Hoepf

Greeters: Pete & Kelly Wegley, Eleanor Meekins, Tanna Stewart, Lesly Wade, John Wolters, Lois Yoakam

Ushers: Randy & Beth Gabel, Tad Grover, Dick Ollila, Ralph & Pam Vaughn, Andrew Wegley, Don Wheat

Audio & Visual Team: Brian Wingerter, Kent Koch, Ken MacFarlane, Craig Kramer

Announcements

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are given by Kathy Pfendler in memory of Tom Pfendler.

Livestreamed Service: The 10:00am service is being livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

Events today: Early service (lawn) 9:00am • Worship service (Sanctuary) 10:00am

ReachOut 2026: Today is the first day of ReachOut camp in Lakeside, Ohio, where 22 of our middle and high school students are participating alongside Ashley Gerard and 3 of our youth group volunteers. This camp is through the East Ohio Conference of the UMC, and includes a 2-day mission experience and is planned and led by a youth planning committee. Please keep our students and our youth leaders in your prayers this week as they experience the week of camp together with other youth groups! We will be sharing about the ReachOut camp week during our August 2nd worship services.

Outside Worship Services: Our Summer Outside Worship Service continues through September 6th. We will provide metal chairs, but you are welcome to bring your own! Bubbles and chalk will be provided for children. We will meet in Potter Chapel if the weather is inclement.

August Mission Trip: We sure could use your help. Sign up now for the next adult mission trip. The dates are August 16 – 21, 2026. We will be working for the Covered Bridge Ministries and H2O ministries in Jefferson, Ohio. They are sponsored by the Jefferson United Methodist Church. Their mission serves people throughout Ashtabula County in need of home repairs and/or ramps for home access. We will probably be building temporary ramps. If some of you would like to go for just a couple of days, we can probably make that happen. The last date to sign up for this mission trip is July 29, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact Russ Line at (614) 595-1028 or rjlineohio@aol.com.

Help Out in the Office: We are looking for people who would like to volunteer in the office, answering phones and greeting people. Volunteer for a few hours, Monday - Thursday 9:00-4:30pm. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Jennifer at jennifer@worthingtonumc.com

July Blood Drive: Celebrate Life! Give Blood! Help keep the blood supply afloat. While donor turnout tends to dip in the summer, patients still require lifesaving blood. Book your appointment to give blood with the Red Cross: <https://rcblood.org/donate> or use the QR Code. Please make an appointment to donate blood on Thursday, July 23rd from Noon to 6pm.



Homebound Gifts: Those who are visiting the homebound: please pickup the gifts for delivery. They are located in the foyer.

Columbus International Children's Choir Send-Off Concert: Sunday, July 19th the CICC will sing during worship at 10:00am. After worship there will be a send-off concert in the Sanctuary at 11:30am as the CICC prepares to represent our city at the 2026 World Choir Games in Sweden. The choir will perform a program spanning classical, contemporary, and folk music.

Next Week's Lectionary: Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.

Keep us in the loop! Please contact Pastor Jennifer with pastoral concerns, including hospitalizations, births and deaths at Jennifer@worthingtonumc.com.

Worthington UMC Staff

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