



Worthington

United Methodist Church

Come as You are. Grow in Grace. Serve in Love.
10:00am Worship for August 16, 2026
12th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude *Impromptu No. 2* Samuel Coolridge-Taylor
Collin Richardson

Passing of the Peace*

Call to Worship* Rev. Jennifer Casto
**Rise in body or in spirit*

Our God is merciful.
Praise the God of our salvation.
Our God is just.
Praise the God of our salvation.
Our God creates us as siblings.
Praise the God whose love binds us together.

Opening Hymn* *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name* UMH #155
(vs 1-4)

Scripture Reading Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Rev. Christian Taylor

Children's Moments Rev. Christian Taylor
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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. John Stallsmith
Collin Richardson
Pew Pocket Prayer cards will be collected by the pastors during this piece.

Season of Prayer Rev. Jennifer Casto
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Offerings in Ministries and Gifts		Rev. Jennifer Casto
Offertory Music	<i>Churchyard Chatter</i>	Uzee Brown Jr.
	Collin Richardson	
Doxology*	<i>Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow</i>	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 15:21-28	Rev. Jennifer Casto
Sermon	"Really Jesus?"	Rev. Jennifer Casto
Closing Hymn*	<i>In Christ There Is No East or West</i>	UMH #548
Benediction*		Rev. Jennifer Casto
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	<i>Grand March from 'Aida'</i>	Guiseppe Verdi
	Collin Richardson	arr. Christopher Morris

Acolytes: Samuel, Everett, and Kennedy Hoepf

Greeters: Pete & Kelly Wegley, Linda Karr, 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 Steve and Deb Rodhe in honor of our five grandchildren as they start a new school year.

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 •

Outside Worship Services: Our Summer Outside Worship Service continues through August 30th. 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.

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 9:00-3:00pm. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Jennifer at jennifer@worthingtonumc.com or use the QR Code.



Interested in Being An Acolyte?: An acolyte in the United Methodist Church is a person of any age who helps lead worship by lighting and extinguishing candles. They symbolize bringing the light of Christ into the service and taking it out into the world. If you are interested in becoming an acolyte, contact Drake Ogden at drake.ogden@yahoo.com

Interested in Becoming an Usher?: Looking for a meaningful way to serve on Sunday mornings? Ushering is a wonderful way to do so! Serve one Sunday every five weeks (9:30-11:00am) by greeting worshippers, distributing bulletins, assisting with offering and communion, and helping as needed during the service. To volunteer or learn more, contact Russ Line at (614) 595-1028 or rjlineohio@aol.com. You may also contact the church office at (614) 885-5365.

Next Week's Lectionary: Exodus 1:8-2:10 Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

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

Worthington UMC Staff

Pastoral: Rev. Jennifer Casto, Rev. Christian Taylor, Ashley Gerard

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