



Worthington

United Methodist Church

Come as You are. Grow in Grace. Serve in Love.
10:00am Worship for August 23, 2026
13th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Narmina Aliyeva

Passing of the Peace*

Call to Worship*

Rev. Christian Taylor
**Rise in body or in spirit*

Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?"

You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Our confession is more than words spoken with our lips.

It is a life offered to God—holy, living, and transformed.

We come not to conform ourselves to the ways of this world,

But to be renewed in mind, discerning the good and gracious will of God.

We come as one body, with many members and many gifts,

belonging to Christ and belonging to one another.

So, let our worship become our confession, and our confession become our way of life.

All: Jesus is the Christ. We offer ourselves to God and to God's purposes. Come, Holy Spirit, renew us as we worship!

Opening Hymn*

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

see insert

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-8

Rev. Jennifer Casto

Children's Moments

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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

Your Grace is Enough

Matt Maher
CCLI #4477026

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. Christian Taylor

Offerings in Ministries and Gifts
Offertory Music

Abide

Rev. Jennifer Casto
Keyes/Williams/Fauber
CCLI # 7168160

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 16:13-20

Rev. Christian Taylor

Sermon

"The Nature of Confession"

Rev. Christian Taylor

Closing Hymn*

He is Lord

UMH #177

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

Narmina Aliyeva

Acolytes: Drake Ogden

Greeters: Tim & Laurie Moats, Meg Birmingham, Jerry & Debby Colvin, Jo Donham, Paul George

Ushers: Diane Meadows, Sally Falk, Nancy Endroi, Rebekah Salyers Hess, Rob Kidder, Sherry McGoron, Linda Meyers

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

Announcements

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are given by Eddie Jarrell in celebration of his late wife, Bobbie, as he celebrates her birthday in heaven.

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 • Confirmation Information Meeting (Room 314) 11:30am • Scouts Potluck (Fellowship Hall) 3:00pm

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.

Grief Support Group: The Grief Support Group meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 1:00pm. Our next gathering is August 26th. This is a time of sharing and support with others who are grieving the loss of a spouse, partner or child. Whether the death of your loved one occurred recently or some time ago, we rely on each other in sharing memories, emotions, and needs wherever we are in the grief journey. Our intent is to provide a safe and compassionate space to both mourn and to move toward healing and hope. For more information, contact Pastor Jennifer at jennifer@worthingtonumc.com.

New Bible Study: Have you ever wondered why some people feel closest to God through music and worship, while others connect through nature, quiet reflection, serving others, or learning? Join us on September 21st as we begin a 5-week study of Gary Thomas's *Sacred Pathways*. Together, we'll explore the different ways God has uniquely wired us to experience His presence and deepen our relationship with Him. Whether you're looking to refresh your spiritual life, understand yourself better, or discover new ways to connect with God, there's a pathway worth exploring. Come discover your sacred pathway—and perhaps see God in a whole new way. There are two options for this class: Mondays on Zoom at 6:30pm or Tuesdays at 2:00pm in Dixon. Study Guides will be available in the church office for \$10. Please sign up with the QR Code.



Ministry & Small Group Fair & Potluck: SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, September 13, following the 10:00 AM worship service, join us for our Ministry & Small Group Fair + Potluck! Come discover the many ways to connect, grow, and serve at Worthington UMC—and bring a favorite dish to share. The Golden Spoon Award will be back!

Next Week's Lectionary: Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

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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