



Worthington

United Methodist Church

Come as You are. Grow in Grace. Serve in Love.
10:00am Worship for September 6, 2026
15th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Great is Thy Faithfulness
Narmina Aliyeva

arr. Dan Miller

Passing of the Peace*

Call to Worship*

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

We come as one body, gathered in the name of Jesus.

Scripture calls us to owe no one anything except the continuing debt of love.

Teach us, O God, to love our neighbors as ourselves.

When relationships are strained, Christ calls us not to turn away, but to seek one another with truth, grace, and courage.

Bind us together in love, and make us a people of reconciliation.

The night is far gone; the day is near. Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Clothe us with Christ, that our lives may reflect his love.

For where two or three are gathered in Christ's name, he has promised to be among us.

Christ is here! May his presence make us one.

Come, let us worship the God who calls us to love, restores us in community, and binds us together in grace.

All: With hearts open to God and to one another, let us worship in the name and love of Jesus Christ!

Opening Hymn*

Bind Us Together

(see insert)

Epistle Reading

Romans 13:8-14

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.

Announcements

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are given by Bill and Holly Kapus in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary which was September 4th.

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

Events today: Early service (Potter Chapel) 9:00am • Worship service (Sanctuary)

Labor Day - Office Closed: A reminder that the **church office will be closed on Monday, September 7th** in observance of Labor Day.

New Book 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 soon in the church office for \$10. Please sign up with the QR Code.



Bags of Blessings: We are collecting items for the YWCA Family Center during the month of September. The YWCA is a comprehensive 24-hour emergency center for homeless families in Central Ohio. The program provides services to help families gain independence such as employment assistance, case management, housing placement, and child advocacy. The YWCA Family Center relies heavily on the community to assist with donations of supplies, meal hosts, and time to continue providing those in need with support. Pick up a shopping bag by the entrance and find the list of needed items. Please bring donations to the office by September 27. You can also give through Second Mile giving, using the envelopes, or using the QR code.



Hosting dinner at YWCA Family Center: Each year, we host 4 dinners at the YWCA Family Center. The next one is scheduled for September 12th. Volunteer opportunities include cooking and serving the meal, and engaging in conversation and fellowship with the families. We need volunteers! Please contact Cathy Taylor at (614) 935-1238 or by email at tcathy233@gmail.com for more information

CROP Walk: The 2026 Central Ohio CROP Walk will take place on Sunday, Oct. 4 at the Scioto Audubon Metro Park. The walk will begin at 2pm and there will be three routes you can walk. WUMC has participated in the walk for many years and support for the CROP Walk has never been more important. Life continues to be hard for many of our neighbors and the non-profits who support them. By giving to the CROP Walk we can continue to help our neighbors and those supporting organizations. Our goal is to raise \$2,000 this year! As always, 25% of what we raise goes to the Worthington Resource Pantry. Beginning Sunday, Sept 13, the orange "Be the Change" cans will again appear around the church. These cans will accept coins, paper money and checks, whatever you feel comfortable giving. We would also love to have friends who would like to take a walk in the park with us. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Wingerter - winger896@gmail.com or 614-570-3114.

Ministry & Small Group Fair & Potluck: **Grow in grace. Serve in love.** Our Ministry & Small Group Fair on September 13 is a chance to discover new ways to deepen your faith, build relationships, share your gifts, and serve our neighbors. After exploring the many opportunities to connect, stay for the potluck. Come curious, come hungry, and be open to an invitation!

Next Week's Lectionary: Exodus 14:19-31; Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

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.

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