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Welcome to Worship!

July 26th, 2026 – 10:00AM



1. Prelude -Candle and Song [please stand]
2. DID YOU CHECK YOUR PHONE OR DEVICE? Is it on Silent MODE?
3. Announcements
4. Welcome guest and visitors
5. Invocation

*Call to Worship

Please Stand

Laura Stockton, Liturgist

Leader: Come, beloved, into the field of God's planting, where good seed has been sown with a generous hand.

People: We come, growing side by side, roots tangled in the same soil.

Leader: The enemy has scattered weeds among the wheat, and we cannot always tell one from the other.

People: But we do not come to pull and to judge – we come to grow and to worship!

Leader: The harvest belongs to the Lord, and the sorting belongs to the Lord.

People: Thank God the separating is not our burden to carry!

Leader: So lift your heads toward the sun of righteousness. Stretch your stalks toward heaven.

People: We will grow where we are planted. We will trust the Harvester. We will rejoice – for God knows His wheat by name!

All: Let the field become a sanctuary. Let us worship the Lord of the harvest!

***Opening Hymn “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” AAHH #371**

1 What a fellowship, what a joy
divine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is
mine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.
[Refrain]

2 O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim
way,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from
day to day,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.
[Refrain]

3 What have I to dread, what have I
to fear,
 leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my
Lord so near,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.
[Refrain]

Refrain:
Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Matthew 13:24–30

^{124–26} He told another story. “God’s kingdom is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field. That night, while his hired men were asleep, his enemy sowed thistles all through the wheat and slipped away before dawn. When the first green shoots appeared and the grain began to form, the thistles showed up, too.

²⁷ “The farmhands came to the farmer and said, ‘Master, that was clean seed you planted, wasn’t it? Where did these thistles come from?’

²⁸ “He answered, ‘Some enemy did this.’

“The farmhands asked, ‘Should we weed out the thistles?’

^{29–30} “He said, ‘No, if you weed the thistles, you’ll pull up the wheat, too. Let them grow together until harvest time. Then I’ll instruct the harvesters to pull up the thistles and tie them in bundles for the fire, then gather the wheat and put it in the barn.’”

Matthew 13:18–23

³⁶ Jesus dismissed the congregation and went into the house. His disciples came in and said, “Explain to us that story of the thistles in the field.”^{37–39} So he explained. “The farmer who sows the pure seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, the pure seeds are subjects of the kingdom, the thistles are subjects of the Devil, and the enemy who sows them is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the age, the curtain of history. The harvest hands are angels.

^{40–43} “The picture of thistles pulled up and burned is a scene from the final act. The Son of Man will send his angels, weed out the thistles from his kingdom, pitch them in the trash, and be done with them. They are going to complain to high heaven, but nobody is going to listen. At the same time, ripe, holy lives will mature and adorn the kingdom of their Father. “Are you listening to this? Really listening?”

Leader: This is the word of God, for the people of God
WE SAY: THANKS BE TO GOD.



Sign of the week

Hands in Christian Service

This is an opportunity for the hearing community to learn how to speak without sound



Ministry in Music

Offertory Prayer

Voices United

Worship with Tithes and Offerings



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***Doxology**

Stand and Sing



Please Stand

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow!

Praise Him, all Creatures here below; Praise Him above, Ye

Heavenly Host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

Ministry in Music
The Message

Voices United
Pastor Brown

Let's Go to the Movies!

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I. Welcome to Thneedville!!
(Paradise)
II. See a real living
tree?

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WHAT IS BEHIND THE SURFACE?

WHY DO WE DESPISE THE SIMPLICITY THAT GOD GIVES US?



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HOW DID WE GET HERE?
III. A trees for what?
IV. The Factory and
it's all over?

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OUR ASSIGNMENT
V. Plant that Seed
VI. It's Free!!

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ALTAR CALL AND PRAYER

This is a sacred time to join the faith community, seek a closer walk with God, or pray for special needs and concerns. All are welcomed!

Closing Hymn

"Go Now in Peace"

*Benediction
Postlude

Pastor Brown
Pastor Phillips



ANNOUNCEMENTS



July 26th, 2026

Check out our Weekly Bulletin and keep it with you throughout the week for your personal devotion. Pray the Call to Worship, sing the Opening Hymn, read the Scripture, and answer the Reflection questions.

United Women of Faith will not meet today. New meeting date is Sunday, August 23, immediately following morning worship. Questions may be directed to Lynn Davenport.

Join Us for a Special Summer Bible Study

You're invited to a special summer Bible study with Pastor Laura on Wednesday, July 29, at 7:00 p.m. (ET) via Zoom.

This Bible study will explore what it means to be faithful stewards of the Gospel in today's world through Scripture, reflection, and conversation. All are welcome! This gathering is especially meaningful as Pastor Laura will submit the recorded Bible study as part of her application to the Board of Ordained Ministry as she continues the process toward becoming a Full Member in The United Methodist Church.

Please note: This session will be recorded. If you would prefer not to appear in the recording but would still like to participate, you are warmly welcome to join with your camera turned off. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Laura at lkigweba@gmail.com.

We hope you'll join us for this special time of worship, learning, and fellowship.

Please continue to pray for all members who are mourning the passing of loved ones and those on the sick & recovering list.

Need more information, not receiving From the Pastor's Desk? Always go to our website: www.msbumc.org

Children and Youth Announcement



- Children's ministry is 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.
- Sign up to be a liturgist, see Ms. Barinaale.
- No phones or device use in the indoor playground.
- the toys are reserved for ages 6 and under.
- Have some suggestions for the "just for me" bulletin, call pastor @410-905-8956

MSB Outreach House

- Open every Friday, 10am-2pm.
- Food and clothing may be picked up on this day.
- Every 3rd Tuesday, fresh produce is delivered and available for pick-up.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Celebrate God, Serve God, and make disciples of Jesus Christ

VISION STATEMENT:

We seek to be a cornerstone of faith, hope, and healing.

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