



Van Meter UMC

*Nurturing children, supporting families,
creating community as we share our faith.*



Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

July 5, 2026  Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Assistive listening devices are available from ushers.

PRELUDE

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES:

Come! Come! Everybody Worship

FWS 2271

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us greet one another with signs of peace and love.

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Please remain standing as you are able.)*

Christ calls those who are weary and heavy laden.

In Christ, we find rest.

Christ calls us to bear his yoke and learn from him.

In Christ, we see God's ways.

Christ is gentle and humble in heart.

In Christ, we know God's love.

Come, for Christ calls us here.

(Please be seated.)

CHILDREN'S TIME

MORNING PRAYER:

You have walked many miles with us, O God.

You have comforted and strengthened us along the way.

Keep us on your path, for we easily lose our way.

*Indicates stand, as you are able. **Bold** indicates all join in. FWS indicates *The Faith We Sing* book.

**As we learn to live in your ways,
help us choose the cause of justice and right relationships.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN of PREPARATION

Cares Chorus

(2 times) FWS 2215

OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

OUR TIME OF GIVING

*DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

EPISTLE READING: Romans 7:15-25a (MSG)

*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 (NIRV)

L: The Living Word of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

Pastor Cathy

HOLY COMMUNION

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We practice an open table. All are welcome to receive communion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN:

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Hymnal 526

*COMMISSION:

Pastor: Love God and serve the people.

People: Love the people and serve God.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (*Please be seated for a moment of reflection.*)

Serving Next Sunday:

Usher/Greeters: open

Visual Tech: open

Acolyte: open

Fellowship: open

Liturgy: Lexi Jay

Talk to Leslie Herman or sign up online at vmumc.com.
(Scroll down to “sign up to be a worship helper” and click on the link.)

Ministers:

All the Church Members

Organist/Choir Director:

Mike Cooper

Pianist:

Heidi Freidhof

Usher/Greeters: open

Communion:

open

Acolyte: open

Liturgist:

open

Visual Tech:

open

Fellowship: open

Nursery:

Brandy Halsten

Janitorial:

Hoppes Family

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