



He put a child in the midst of them...

**September 23, 2018**

**United Methodist Church of the Dunes**  
717 Sheldon Road, Grand Haven, Michigan

**Pastor Louis Grettenberger**

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# ***The Order of Morning Worship*** **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 23, 2018

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

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## **Gathering**

*\* Invites you to stand, as you are able. Please remember to silence your cell phone.*

*(10:30) Lyric sheets for the worship songs are available from the ushers.*

*Music for the worship songs is available in the narthex.*

*Worship activity bags for children 5 and up are available in the Cry Room.*

*Nursery for children Young 5's and under is available during both services.*

### **Gathering Music**

**Chimes**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Kids' Choir**

**Time of Recognition**

**(10:30) Invitation to Worship**

***Forever***

**Tomiln**

### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: King of all the earth, Creator of the universe, Holy Triune God. From everlasting to everlasting. You are Lord. Your law brings life, O Lord, and we meditate on it day and night;

**People: Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.**

Leader: You are a rich stream of living waters, and we would immerse ourselves in you;

**People: Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.**

Leader: You bring forth fruit in due season and establish the work of our hands;

**People: Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.**

Leader: Who is like our God, the One whose ways are full of life?

**People: Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.**

Leader: This is our God, the Holy One.

**People: Let us come before God with thanksgiving, and offer our praise and worship together! Amen.**

### **\*Hymn of Praise #64**

***Holy, Holy, Holy***

**(red hymnal)**

### **Old Testament Reading**

**Psalm 1:1-3**

**(OT page 645 in the pew Bible)**

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

**People: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.**

### **Time of Silent Confession**

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

God of mercy, grace, reconciliation and goodness: We are sorry for so much—for words we cannot bear to say, for memories we cannot bear to relive, for thoughts we cannot bear to admit.

You know our hearts, O Lord. Relieve us of our burdens, bind our hearts not to the unbearable but rather, to You. So that, in all ways, we may live in the joy of your salvation and the delight of your loving embrace. Amen.

**Response**

(8:30) Hymn #2145  
(10:30)

*I've Got Peace Like a River  
Holy is the Lord*

(black book)  
Tomlin | Giglio

**Time for Children**

(8:30 & 10:30) LEGOS Faithbuilders (for kids K-5<sup>th</sup> grade).  
Teachers will lead the children to the Hosanna Room (lower level, room 8).  
Parents may meet their children there after the service.

Pastor Lou

**Encouragement Moment**

Dave Hoffman

\*Response #572

*Pass It On*

(red hymnal)

**Sharing the Word**

**Scripture Reading**

Mark 9:30-37 (RSV)

(NT page 43 in the pew Bible)

**Sermon**

Welcoming God's Children

Rev. Louis Grettenberger

**Pastoral Prayers**

**The Lord's Prayer** (unison)

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, forever. Amen.

**Responding to the Word**

**Offering**

\*Response #94

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

(red hymnal)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:

Praise God, all creature here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

Lord, every time we come to the moment of offering, it's a crossroads. An opportunity of selfishness or generosity, a pull between fear of the future and belief in God's providence. We give our offering this morning, Lord, thankful for all you've provided, and stepping out in faith down the road of grace. We do this together, as your people, called and sent to be a blessing for all the world. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

## **Sending Forth**

**\*Final Hymn #549**

***Where Charity and Love Prevail***

(red hymnal)

**Benediction**

**Chimes**

**\*Parting Music**

### **Sunday, September 23, 2018**

**Liturgists:** (8:30) Harold Merz (10:30) Jerry Gibbs

**Sound Board Operators:** (8:30) Gail Ringelberg

**Ushers:** (8:30) Bill & Shirley Chappell, Doug & Susan Thorpe  
(10:30) Doug Mitchell; Matt Horist, Cole Horist, Gary Gillan

**Greeters:** (8:30) Mary Nelson (10:30) Dan & Debbie Starkey

**Welcome Center:** (8:30) Harold & Gail Merz (10:30) Marilyn Ulrich

**LEGO Faithbuilders:** (8:30) Darcie Clapp, Dan Malseed (10:30) Dan Malseed

**Nursery:** Kisa Weesies, Judy Hanson

**Coffee Fellowship:** Harold & Gail Merz

### **Sunday, September 30, 2018**

**Liturgists:** (8:30) Karyn Gillan (10:30) Jan Lipfert

**Sound Board Operators:** (8:30) Roger Cox (10:30) Blair Miller

**Ushers:** (8:30) Bruce Buckley, Sam Easterly, Denver Todd, Susan Thorpe  
(10:30) Doug Mitchell; Matt Horist, Cole Horist, Gary Gillan

**Greeters:** (8:30) Dale Martin (10:30) The Zellman Family

**Welcome Center:** (8:30) Dale & Pam Zurakowski (10:30) Sandra Breasbois, Betty Johnston

**LEGO Faithbuilders:** (8:30) Pam Zurakowski (10:30) Justin Graegin

**Nursery:** Kisa Weesies, Madalyn Hanson

**CHURCH OF THE DUNES CORE PURPOSE:** We are a family of faith who seeks to grow in God's grace and love, challenges and equips all members to be faithful disciples, to share the Good News and demonstrate and reflect the love of God.

#### **CHURCH STAFF:**

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Covenant Missionaries.....	Dr. Lester & Debbie Dornon

## **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

### **SUNDAY**      **September 23, 2018**      **Bible Sunday**

- 8:30 AM-12:00 PM Nursery Care (for children ages infant-5 years) – Nursery
- 8:30 AM Traditions Worship – Sanctuary
- 8:45-9:45 AM LEGO Faithbuilders – Hosanna Room (lower level, room 8)
- 9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center
- 9:30 AM Blood Pressure Screenings – Wiltse Center
- 9:30-10:20 AM Messy Spirituality – Ryder Lounge
- 9:40-10:20 AM Youth Sunday School – Pit & Youth Room
- 9:45-10:20 AM FaithLink Discussion Group "Death and Dying" – Room 4 lower level
- 10:00-10:25 AM Kid's Choir – Social Hall
- 10:30 AM Elements Worship – Sanctuary
- 10:45-11:45 AM LEGO Faithbuilders – Hosanna Room (lower level, room 8)
- 11:30 AM-12:15 PM Youth Choir – Choir Room
- 11:30-12:20 PM DVD Bible Study "My Rock and My Fortress" – Room 13/14
- 11:30-12:20 PM BBQ Book Discussion – Ryder Lounge
- 6:00-7:30 PM Youth Group – Youth Room, Social Hall, Wiltse Center

### **MONDAY**      **September 24, 2018**

- 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Work Bee – Panera Bread
- 1:00 PM Caregivers – Ryder Lounge
- 6:00-8:00 PM ASL Classes – Rooms 4 & 13/14
- 6:30 PM Monday Evening Book Discussion – Ryder Lounge
- 7:00 PM Bells of Glory – Choir Loft

### **TUESDAY**      **September 25, 2018**

- 9:30-11:30 AM Women's Study – Ryder Lounge
- 6:30 PM Webelos 1 – Scout Room 6
- 7:00 PM Church Council – Ryder Lounge

### **WEDNESDAY**      **September 26, 2018**

- 9:00 AM Morning Coffee – Russ' Restaurant
- 4:00-5:00 PM Kid's Connection – Wiltse Center
- 5:15-6:00 PM Supper – Social Hall (Menu: Cheesy Chicken Broccoli Casserole)
- 6:00 PM Knitters – Conference Room
- 6:00-7:00 PM Youth Small Group – Youth Room
- 6:00-6:30 PM Chimers – Choir Loft (grades 2-6)
- 6:00-7:00 PM Singers – Choir Room (grades 2-6)
- 6:45-7:30 PM Jubilation Choir Rehearsal – Choir Loft
- 7:30-8:30 PM Chancel Choir – Choir Loft

### **THURSDAY**      **September 27, 2018**

- 9:30 AM Weight Watchers – Social Hall
- 6:15 PM Staff Parish Relations Committee – Room 13/14
- 7:00 PM Annual Church Conference – Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Creativity, the Arts & God – Social Hall
- 7:15-8:30 PM Men's Bible Study – Room 4

### **FRIDAY**      **September 28, 2018**

- Pastor Lou's Day Off
- 3:30-6:00 PM UMCD Serves at Supper House

### **SUNDAY**      **September 29, 2018**

- 8:30 AM-12:00 PM Nursery Care (for children ages infant-5 years) – Nursery
- 8:30 AM Traditions Worship – Sanctuary
- 8:45-9:45 AM LEGO Faithbuilders – Hosanna Room (lower level, room 8)
- 9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship – Wiltse Center
- 9:30 AM Messy Spirituality – Ryder Lounge
- 9:40-10:20 AM Youth Sunday School – Pit & Youth Room
- 9:45-10:20 AM FaithLink Discussion Group "A Trip to Israel and Palestine" – Room 4 lower level
- 10:00-10:25 AM Kid's Choir – Social Hall
- 10:30 AM Elements Worship – Sanctuary
- 10:45-11:45 AM LEGO Faithbuilders – Hosanna Room (lower level, room 8)
- 11:30-12:15 PM Youth Choir – Choir Room
- 11:30-12:20 PM DVD Bible Study "The Time Has Fully Come" – Room 13/14
- 11:30-12:20 PM BBQ Book Discussion – Ryder Lounge
- 6:00-7:30 PM Youth Group – Youth Room, Social Hall, Wiltse Center

## **Welcome to Church of the Dunes**

We are glad to have you here today, and hope you feel God's love. You are invited for refreshments in the Wiltse Center fellowship area during the time between the two worship services. Refreshments are also available after the second service. You are welcome to participate in the activities, events, and classes offered here. If you have questions or need directions to locations in the church, please ask a volunteer at the Welcome Center, a pastor, or an usher; they are happy to assist. Thank you for being here today. We hope to see you again soon. *Open minds, Open hearts, Open doors.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HUNGER SUNDAY:** Today, we will collect a special offering to support the Salvation Army. Please make your checks payable to Church of the Dunes and write Hunger Offering in the memo line.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS** are available today from 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. in the Wiltse Center fellowship area.

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE AND APPRECIATE** the work of Jan Blanchard, Office Administrator. Please join us during coffee fellowship time in the Wiltse Center fellowship area to thank Jan for her years of service in this role at the church. Jan will stay on staff as Financial Manager and a Church Secretary will be hired.

**THE MONDAY EVENING READING GROUP** meets tomorrow, September 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ryder Lounge here at the church. This month's book is Born on Third Base by Chuck Collins. All are welcome.

**CHURCH OF THE DUNES ANNUAL CONFERENCE** is Thursday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m. This is Church of the Dunes' annual meeting. Action items are voted on by church members, but all are welcome and encouraged to attend. This may be your first opportunity to meet our new District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Margie Crawford.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO HOMECOMING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21** and it's time to make reservations. Use the attendance pad to RSVP by noting "Homecoming" and how many people will be attending. *Example: Homecoming (2).* Plans and preparations have been underway for months, and it is sure to be a wonderful celebration of Church of the Dunes. There will be activities for all ages, a display of church memorabilia, and delicious meal will be served after the second service. RSVP today...and bring friends!

**HANDBELL RINGERS:** Church of the Dunes adult bell choir, Bells of Glory, is looking for more ringers. Would you like to join a great group of people and ring bells in the adult bell choir? Please contact Music Director Meg at [mhorist@umcdunes.org](mailto:mhorist@umcdunes.org). Rehearsals are on Monday evenings from 7 – 8 p.m. Bells of Glory plays for worship one Sunday per month.

**CROP HUNGER WALK:** We have at least 7 walkers from our congregation asking for donors, and we'd like to add more to our group. The Tri-Cities CROP Walk is blessed with donors who will give a generous gift of \$100 for each walker who raises at least \$100. Consider joining us on Sunday October 7 at Hope Reformed Church in Grand Haven Township. The walk begins at 2 p.m. with registration and a light soup meal before. See Blair Miller in the entryway near the church office for details to walk or to give, or call him at (616) 212-1040.

**USHERS, EXPERIENCED AND NEW** are invited to be a part of the important—and fun—work of ushering for worship services. Ushers are needed for the 10:30 a.m. service during the months of October, November, and December. This is a great way to serve the church. For more information, or to sign up, please contact Gary Gillan at (616) 842-1362. No experience? No problem. Gary and others are glad to help new ushers learn the duties.

**FROM MISSIONS AND SOCIAL CONCERNS:** The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is asking for disaster relief funds to assist victims of Hurricane Florence and Typhoon Mangkhut. For more information, visit [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org). You may also make a donation in the offering here at church. Please note UMCOR Disaster Relief in the memo line of your check.

## BUDGET AND ATTENDANCE UPDATE

### 2018 Weekly Offering

For Operating Expenses  
September 9 Offering: \$7,909

### Weekly Average Received

\$9,273

### Weekly Average Budgeted

\$10,645

### Weekly Attendance

Sunday Morning Worship      Last Week: 302      Last Year: 316

### FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The church experienced a significant decrease in offerings to the church during the summer months. The shortfall in offerings to budget in June was \$9,000. In July, the shortfall was \$11,000. As we settle into after-summer routines, we ask for your current and ongoing support for our church so that we may continue our important mission in this church and the community. If you are in a position to catch up on offerings missed while you were away, or to assist with making up the shortfall, your gifts would be welcome and appreciated.

### ELECTRONIC GIVING IS AVAILABLE

Sign up by contacting the church office or online at [www.umcdunes.org](http://www.umcdunes.org) and click the "Giving" tab.



**ENCOURAGEMENT TEAM:** Today, a member of the Encouragement Team will share thoughts on the needs of our church and living the Good News. The team was formed to address the current operating budget shortfall and help our church move forward. Thank you for considering the important messages these folks have to share.

Last Sunday, Marion Fitch gave an encouragement talk. She spoke about what Church of the Dunes means to her as a community, a family, and a place for spiritual formation. She talked about how giving helps grow God's kingdom through this church. Marion encouraged us to take our concerns to God in prayer, to be committed to God's will, and challenged us to spread a positive attitude in the church. She reminded us that our hope is in God alone.

### LEARNING FOR ALL AGES

**CHILDREN:** LEGO Faith Builders takes place during both the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. worship services, beginning right after the Time for Children and ending shortly after at the conclusion of each worship service. LEGO Faith Builders meets in the Hosanna room (Room 8), on the lower level of the church.

**YOUTH:** Youth Sunday School meets from 9:40 – 10:20 a.m. Grades 6-8 meet in The Pit and grades 9-12 meet in the Youth Room. Both locations are on the lower level.

**ADULTS:** Several fall classes and discussion groups have begun, and others begin in the coming days and weeks. There are 10 classes offered this fall, on a wide variety of topics. Class descriptions and schedules can be found on the Adult Ministries bulletin board near the church office or pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRINTED "JOYS AND CONCERNS" If there are Joys and Concerns you would like printed in the bulletin, please contact the church office by Wednesday at noon each week at (616) 842-7980 or e-mail [jblanchard@umcdunes.org](mailto:jblanchard@umcdunes.org).

Please let the church office know in a timely manner if you or a family member is hospitalized, going to be having surgery, or are homebound and desiring a visit. Please let us know if you have experienced a death in your family. Because of confidentiality laws in place, we have no way of knowing unless you tell us. We would like to be supportive, but we also need your help. Thank you.

## PRAISE GOD FOR

**THE FLOWERS** in the Sanctuary are given by Edo and Kris Mestrom in honor of their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**THANK YOU**, Jan Blanchard, for your years of hard work as the Office Administrator at Church of the Dunes. We look forward to continuing to work with you in your new role as Financial Manager.

**THANK YOU** so much for the beautiful flowers, all the needed prayer and visits from the wonderful church community at Church of the Dunes. You have certainly helped me get through some very difficult times. Your many beautiful cards are appreciated as well. Thank you again. Blessings to all. Patricia Keenan

**THANK YOU** for your prayers, cards and notes of encouragement. These, as well as the cheery flowers and cozy afghan remind us of how blessed we are to belong to such a loving church family. Earl and Connie Dean

**SEPTEMBER BROWN BAG SUNDAY THANK YOU:** In the words of Karen at The People Center in Spring Lake, "Best food drive ever!" Over 100 bags of groceries were delivered. Church of the Dunes, you are awesome. Thank you to everyone who helped to load the cars, and a special thank you to Bruce, Joyce, Blair, and Doug for helping to deliver it. You made it seem easy. Mary Huntington

**PLEASE JOIN UNITED METHODISTS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR:** United Methodist Community House, Grand Rapids, MI, and Gordon Greathouse, Missionary.

### MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Sept 24	Olivia Grilley (6 yrs.), Diane Roels
Sept 25	Mary Mihovich, Jim VanderMoere
Sept 26	Grace Ackerman (13 yrs.), Lynsey Cutting, Susan Metzler, Paula Montgomery
Sept 27	Donna Jean Lock (94 yrs.), Nicole Tlachac
Sept 28	Kay Cansfield
Sept 30	Aaron Plattner

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. or by appointment.

**WEEKLY BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Wednesdays at noon.

**IMPORTANT NOTES ON TAKING PICTURES:** You are welcome to take pictures or video of your children during a musical performance in our worship services or other church activities, however, please refrain from posting any videos or photos to public places, such as Facebook or YouTube, as the **musical performances are copyright protected** and some parents may not have consented to public use of images.

**THE WORSHIP SERVICES ARE VIDEO-TAPED** and sermons are posted for later viewing on our church website. (Currently, we are experiencing technical difficulties with posting the sermons on the website, and are working to address the issue.) Every effort is made to focus the camera only on the scripture readers and the pastor. On rare occasions, those seated near the front of the church may appear in a sermon video. If you wish to avoid inadvertently appearing in a sermon video that will be posted online, please find seats toward the back of the sanctuary.