



NOW ALL **GLORY TO GOD**,  
WHO IS ABLE,  
THROUGH HIS **MIGHTY POWER**  
AT WORK WITHIN US,  
TO ACCOMPLISH  
**INFINITELY**  
**MORE** THAN WE MIGHT  
ASK OR THINK.

**EPHESIANS 3:20 NLT**

**July 25, 2021**

**United Methodist Church of the Dunes**  
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## We Gather

Gathering Music

Welcome & Ministry Moments

## We Praise God

Invitation to Worship

Leader: Even though we don't always feel it, God is with us.

**People: The darkness and doubt of the world can threaten to consume us.**

Leader: Yet God is with us.

**People: All around us there is fear and hopelessness.**

Leader: God brings to us hope and peace. We place our trust in God's abundant love.

**People: Let us freely and without fear open our hearts to God's healing words of hope.**

\*Hymn #64

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

Children's Time

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Most Holy God, we confess to you and to each other that we are rarely just in all our ways, and far from being kind in all our doings. What we want to be and what we actually are, are two different things. Our lives are a miss-mash of astuteness and stupidity, of moral strength and cowardice, of kindness and meanness, of openness and cunning, of sincere love for you yet also of conniving self-interest.**

**We need both your justice and your kindness to convict us of our sins, to forgive and cleanse us, and to save us from the power of evil in the days that lie ahead. We need your mercy to wipe away shame and disabling regrets, your light to give us our bearings, and your friendship to delight with us in our happiness and to comfort us in our sorrows.**

**Please grant to us, loving God, the grace of a new beginning and the joy of an enlarged love for you. Give us a passion for all your loving ways. Through Christ Jesus our Brother and Redeemer. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Sisters and brothers, Holy Scripture says: "The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all and his mercy is over all his works."

Reflection on Offering

## Prayer of Dedication

**You are the Great Provider, the Giver of all gifts; your love the only true currency. Thank you for putting money into our hands, and so we freely offer it back to you, for use in your service. We do this in the name of Jesus, Amen.**

## We Share the Word

A Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 145:10-18

Worship Song

Meg Horist

A Reading from the New Testament

Ephesians 3:14-21

Sermon

*"Inner Strength"*

Pastor Lou

Pastoral Prayer

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, forever. Amen.**

## We Respond to the Word

\*Final Hymn #384

"Love Divine, All Love's Excelling"

## We are Sent Forth

\*Benediction

\*Parting Music

*\*Stand as you are able*

Hymn #64  
Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.



Hymn #384

Love Divine, All Love's Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## Psalm 145:10-18

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.



## Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.



## **SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

**Lou Grettenberger – Pastor**

**Carla Kocher - Announcements**

**Jan Stuart – Online Liturgist**

**Jan Lipfert – In-Person Liturgist**

**Megan Horist – Music & Production**

**Marna Jeffery – Organ & Keyboard**

Church of the Dunes is a family of faith which seeks to:

- grow in God's grace and love
- challenge and equip all members to be faithful disciples
- share the Good News
- demonstrate and reflect the love of God

## **CHURCH STAFF AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

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## Sunday, July 25, 2021

### **Sundays at 8:30 a.m. - Online Worship Service at [www.umcdunes.org](http://www.umcdunes.org)**

Visit [www.umcdunes.org/worship](http://www.umcdunes.org/worship) or Church of the Dunes on YouTube to view the online worship service. The worship video is posted by 8:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings and is available to watch at your convenience.

### **9:30 a.m. In-person Worship Service**

In-person worship services are in the sanctuary. For worship, please enter the building through the main (big, red, wooden) doors.

### **Drive-in and Listen to In-person Worship on 99.7 FM**

The in-person worship services are broadcast live over a low-power radio station that can be heard in the church parking lot. On arrival, please find the designated parking area and tune your car radio to 99.7 FM.

## Announcements

### **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME – SUNDAY MORNINGS**

All are invited for refreshments in the Wiltse Center fellowship area after 9:30 a.m. worship.

### **LEGO® FAITH BUILDERS – JULY 25**

This faith-focused, fun activity meets during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship service. Early in the worship service, children and youth through grade 12 are invited to follow an adult leader to the Wiltse Center fellowship area. There, leaders read a Bible story or devotion and participants create an image from the story using LEGO® building bricks.

### **HUNGER OFFERING – JULY 25**

On Sunday July 25, Church of the Dunes will gather a Hunger Offering for The People Center in Spring Lake. If you would like to give, please make checks payable to Church of the Dunes and note Hunger Offering on the memo line of the check. Mission Moment is scheduled to return in August.

### **CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP – JULY 26**

The Caregivers Support Group meets at the church on Monday, July 26 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to share and hear ideas to assist with the challenges of caregiving.

### **MONDAY BOOK GROUP – JULY 26**

*Monday, July 26, 2:00 p.m., Gayle Cox, facilitator*

The July book is "The Orphan Collector: A Heroic Effort of Survival During the 1918 Influenza Pandemic" by Ellen Marie Wiseman. Please bring your own chair; this group will meet outdoors in the lower-level parking lot behind the Social Hall.

### **COMMUNION SUNDAY – AUGUST 1**

Church of the Dunes will celebrate communion on Sunday, August 1 during in-person worship, online worship, and communion elements will be brought to those worshipping from cars in the parking lot. If you will be worshipping from home, you are invited to gather bread and juice to have on hand for communion.

### **MEMORIAL FUND COMMITTEE EDUCATION GRANTS – APPLICATIONS DUE AUGUST 31**

The United Methodist Church of the Dunes Memorial Fund Committee administers Education Grants for eligible church members and affiliates twice each year. The next deadline for applications to be received in the church office is August 31, 2021. For application process details, please visit [www.umcdunes.org/serve](http://www.umcdunes.org/serve).

## Welcome

*The United Methodist Church of the Dunes aspires to love as Jesus loved.*

*We open our hearts, minds, and doors to all.*

*This congregation invites persons of all races, sexual orientations and gender identities, ages, abilities, and socio-economic status to participate fully in all aspects of the Christian life.*

## Praises, Prayers, and Thanks

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given in celebration of the 38<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Bob and Ruth Archer, and the 12<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of their daughter Robyn & John Moyer.

**THANK YOU** all so much for your thoughts and prayers during Eber's illness and after his passing. *Beth Sheffield*

**PLEASE JOIN OTHERS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE PRAYING FOR** United Methodist Community House, Grand Rapids, MI; and Joy Eva Bohol, Missionary.

### **MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:**

July 26	David Heckaman
July 27	Justin Graegin, Bron Kram
July 28	Tracee Cole, Jacob Tousley
July 29	Richard Bergstrom, Bonnie Stone (87), Linda Welch
Aug 1	Carol Barnhill, Bonnie VanderMolen (81)

## Giving and Attendance

<u>Date/Week Of</u>	<u>Offerings Received</u>	<u>Weekly Average Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Weekly Budgeted</u>
July 18	\$7,630	\$8,681	\$9,385

To give by mail, please send offering to United Methodist Church of the Dunes, 717 Sheldon Road, Grand Haven, MI 49417. To give online, visit <https://umcdunes.org/give/>.

**Online worship:** As of July 20, the July 18 online worship service had 43 views. Each "view" may include multiple members of the same household watching together.

**In-person worship:** Attendance at July 18 in-person worship was 115.

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