

HOPE & HUMILITY



July 7, 2024

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We Gather

Gathering Music & Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Let God's praise be heard in the midst of the congregation.

People: Shout praise to the Lord of hosts!

Leader: Let God's praise be whispered in the spirits of the people.

People: We give you thanks for the many ways you have loved and guided us.

Leader: Let God's praise be proclaimed wherever we are.

People: May we praise God in all that we do and say. Let's praise God together!

We Praise God

*Hymn #139
Children's Time

"Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

Pam Zurakowski

A Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 48

Worship Song

"Shout to the Lord"

Zschech

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Merciful God, of what do we boast? Can we truly say with Paul that we do not boast about ourselves or our achievements? Does the danger in such thinking lie in the next step – the thought that we can do anything, or all things – by ourselves?

People: Forgive us for the times when we ignore you, O God, and think we can depend on our own strength to do things our own way.

Leader: Paul talks about power being made perfect in weakness.

People: Forgive us for believing that we have to be hard and domineering if we want to get ahead in life.

Leader: Paul says that he boasts of his weaknesses so that the power of Christ may dwell in him.

People: Forgive us when we use our power selfishly or aggressively, ignoring that indwelling, Christ-given power which frees us to be vulnerable.

Leader: Jesus says "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

People: Permeate our lives with your grace, Lord, so that we can affirm with Paul that we are content with weaknesses for your sake, and fill us with the knowledge that it is when we allow ourselves to be empowered by you that we are truly strong. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

arr. Kartsonakis
Dianne Prieditis

*Doxology #94

*Prayer of Dedication

Merciful God, in this time of offering, we acknowledge our weaknesses and limitations, knowing that it is through our struggles that we learn humility and dependence on you. As we bring forth our gifts, may we also bring our vulnerabilities, trusting in your grace to transform our weaknesses into strengths for the work of your kingdom. Amen.

We Share the Word

A Reading from the Old Testament

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

A Reading from the Gospel

Mark 6:1-13

Sermon

"Hope and Humility"

Jeff Verry

We Respond to the Word

The Great Thanksgiving

Sacrament of Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, we thank you that in this sacrament you assure us of your goodness and love. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and help us to grow in love and obedience, that we may serve you in the world and finally be brought to that table where all your saints feast with you forever. Amen.

*Final Hymn #454

"Open My Eyes that I May See"

We are Sent Forth

*Benediction

*Parting Music

"God Bless America"

Irving Berlin
Dianne Prieditis & Marna Jeffery

**Please stand as you are able*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Hymn #139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning bears
thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining. God's care
enfolds all, whose true good he upholds.
Hast thou not know his sustaining?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder a new what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee, fitting
thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.

Psalm 48

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.
His holy mountain, ² beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the
earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.
³ Within its citadels God has shown himself a sure defense.
⁴ Then the kings assembled; they came on together. ⁵ As soon as
they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic; they took
to flight;
⁶ trembling took hold of them there, pains as of a woman in labor,
⁷ as when an east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.
⁸ As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of
hosts,
in the city of our God, which God establishes forever. *Selah*
⁹ We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your
temple.
¹⁰ Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the
earth.
Your right hand is filled with victory.
¹¹ Let Mount Zion be glad; let the towns of Judah rejoice
because of your judgments. ¹² Walk about Zion; go all around
it; count its towers; ¹³ consider well its ramparts; go through its
citadels, that you may tell the next generation ¹⁴ that this is God,
our God forever and ever. He will be our guide forever.

Shout to the Lord
Zschech

My Jesus, my Savior
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Chorus
Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty
Praise to the King
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You
Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You

Doxology
Hymn #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures 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!

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, “Look, we are your bone and flesh. ² For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you, ‘It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.’ ” ³ So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. ⁴ David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. ⁵ At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

⁹ David occupied the stronghold and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward. ¹⁰ And David became greater and greater, for the LORD of hosts was with him.

Mark 6:1-13

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary[Ⓜ] and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense[Ⓜ] at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to you, Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to praise you, Lord.

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Mighty God, our Comforter and Sustainer. You made us in your image, to love and be loved. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity in Egypt, made covenant, time and again, to be our God, that we might be your people. In the lineage of Abraham and Sarah, David and Bathsheba, Paul and Peter, we come now with gratitude and praise for your mighty acts of salvation and your generous covenant of love. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to offer healing and mercy to the sick, to proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins and to share your love with the world.

Through Christ and the Holy Spirit, you gave birth to the church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. Christ commissioned us to be disciples of healing and hope to a world in need. As we sit at this table, you nurture us to live this commission with your bread of life and living water.

On the night when Jesus last ate with his disciples, he took bread, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body."

Then Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, and said: "This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

And so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Christ Jesus, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living gift to you and to your world. In union with Christ's gift of love to us and to your world, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Open My Eyes that I May See
Hymn #454

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

This Week's Calendar

SUNDAY **July 7, 2024**

- 9:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:45 AM “Celebrate Wonder” Sunday School, Room 8 (lower level)
- 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship - Wiltse Center
- 10:45 AM Faith Linked – Ryder Lounge

MONDAY **July 8, 2024**

- 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Group – Panera, Grand Haven
- 1:00 PM Take the Flag study – Room 2
- 1:00 PM Life After Loss - Ryder Lounge
- 5:30 PM Chair Yoga – Social Hall
- 6:00 PM Dunesmen – Ryder Lounge
- 6:00 PM Quilt Guild – Wiltse Center

TUESDAY **July 9, 2024**

- 9:00 - 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 10:00 AM Sip, Savor study – Room 2
- 12:00 Noon Esther Circle – Picnic (meet at church at 11:30 AM to carpool)
- 6:30 PM Trustees – Ryder Lounge

WEDNESDAY **July 10, 2024**

- 9:00 - 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 6:30 PM Staff Parish Relations Committee – Room 13/14

THURSDAY **July 11, 2024**

- 9:00 – 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 10:00 AM Craft Circle – Room 2
- 11:30 AM Chair Yoga – Social Hall
- 3:00 – 6:00 PM Piano Lessons - Sanctuary

FRIDAY **July 12, 2024**

Office Closed

SATURDAY **July 13, 2024**

- 8:00 – 10:30 AM Highland Park Assoc – Social Hall

Please Note: Pastoral Care

Pastor Lou is on spiritual renewal leave. Please contact the church office for pastoral care. The church office is open Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. For emergency pastoral care, contact Pastor Diane Gordon. Contact information is on the back page of this bulletin.

Information, Events, and Activities

Events and activities are open to all.

WELCOME GUEST PREACHER JEFF VERRY, MDiv

Jeff has a master's degree in divinity and experience in a variety of ministry areas. He is a thoughtful, creative, and engaging speaker. Jeff has been a guest preacher Church of the Dunes several times in recent years. It is a joy to welcome him back today!

HUNGER OFFERING TODAY – THE PEOPLE CENTER

Today in worship, we will gather a Hunger Offering for The People Center. If you would like to contribute and will do so by check, please make payable to Church of the Dunes and note "Hunger Offering" on the memo line.

DUNESMEN MEAL AND MEETING – JULY 8

The Dunesmen meal and meeting is on Monday, July 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ryder Lounge at church (main floor). Please contact Scott Marshall if you will attend so planners know how many meals are needed. For assistance connecting with Scott, contact the church office. All men are welcome.

ESTHER CIRCLE PICNIC – JULY 9 AT NOON, OFF SITE

All women are invited to the Esther Circle picnic on Tuesday, July 9 at 12:00 p.m. at a lovely country location. Contact a member of Esther Circle or the church office for address information. If you would like to carpool, meet at the church at 11:30 a.m.

WHITECAPS BASEBALL GAME - SIGN UP BY JULY 9

Let's go to the West Michigan Whitecaps baseball game on Sunday, August 11 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$19; there is an \$8 per car parking fee. Sign up and pay for tickets after worship today, or during church office hours by the Tuesday, July 9 deadline.

CRAFT CIRCLE SEWING BEE – JULY 11, 10:00 AM

Craft Circle is hosting a sewing bee to make pillowcases for local missions. Bring a sewing machine if you would like to; there are many tasks that do not require sewing. If you have good-quality cotton fabric to contribute to the project, please bring it. The July meeting is in Room 2, lower level.

TRAFFIC NOTE FOR NEXT SUNDAY – JULY 14

Please take extra caution when driving to and from church next Sunday, July 14. The bicycle course of the Grand Haven Triathlon includes Sheldon Road and takes place between 8:15 and 10:50 a.m. The street will be open with officials and volunteers present along the course for safety.

RED SKELTON TRIBUTE - WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 3:00 PM

Church of the Dunes Finishing Well Ministry and Central Park Players are pleased to present Brian Hoffman's Tribute to Red Skelton. Tickets (\$27) are available by phone, leave a message for a call back at (616) 229-0530, or online at centralparkplayers.org and click "Get Tickets."

EDUCATION GRANTS - APPLICATIONS DUE JULY 31

The memorial fund committee awards one-time education grants or scholarships of up to \$1000 to successful applicants. Eligibility information and application instructions are at umcdunes.org/serve or contact the church office. Awarded funds are sent directly to the institution providing the education.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – PARKING FUNDRAISER, AUGUST 3

The Dunesmen are hosting a pay-for-parking fundraiser on Saturday, August 3 (Coast Guard Festival) at the church. They need volunteers to direct cars to parking spaces. Two-hour shifts begin at 3:00 p.m.; the last shift ends at 9:00 p.m. Sign up on The Dunesmen bulletin board, located across the hall from the church library, or contact Ron Kurburski. For assistance, contact the church office.

Gun Violence Memorial Quilt

A new quilt is on display in the main floor hallway, near the library and nursery. The design includes symbols to represent fatal gun violence victims in Ottawa, Allegan, Kent, and Muskegon counties from January 2023 to the present. Two church-member textile artists created the quilt. The project is sponsored by Church of the Dunes Gun Violence Prevention Task Group.

Note about Upper Room Devotions

Because of complications at the publisher, the July/August issue of The Upper Room is currently not available. The church library has a selection of devotional books available to borrow.

All are 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.

Sundays at Church of the Dunes

Worship - 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary

For a link to the recorded livestream, visit www.umcdunes.org/worship.

Nursery - available during 9:30 a.m. worship

It is located a short distance down the hall from the worship space.

Sunday School for Children - Hosanna classroom (Room 8), lower level

The pastor will dismiss students to Sunday school from worship after the Children's Time.

Coffee Fellowship - 10:30 a.m. - Wiltse Center fellowship area

Please stop by for fresh coffee and delicious refreshments.

Faith Linked - 10:45 a.m. - Ryder Lounge

Discussion of topics and current events from a faith-focused perspective. Open to all adults.

Notes from the Church Office

Church Office Hours

Monday -Thursday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. or by appointment.

Church of the Dunes would like to stay connected with you and to be supportive of you and your loved ones. If your contact information has changed, please let the church office know. If you or a family member is hospitalized, going to be having surgery, or is homebound and would like a visit, please let us know. Let us know, as well, if you have experienced a death in your family.

Praises and Prayers

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Denver and Mary Todd in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

THANK YOU to so many of you who faithfully prayed for my health and recovery over the last two difficult years. I feel like you are my church family. The brain condition I received treatment for is now in remission and I am happy, healthy, and grateful. *Ginny Moon (Alice Furst's sister)*

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

July 10	Gail Merz
July 13	Richard Cole
July 14	Donna Glockzin, Beth Sheffield

Giving and Attendance

<u>Date/Week Of</u>	<u>Offerings Received</u>	<u>Weekly Average Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Weekly Budgeted</u>	<u>Percent of Budget</u>
June 30	\$7,512	\$9,490	\$8,830	107.5

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/>.

June 30, 2024

Total attendance	242
In person	176
Online	66 (44 x 1.5)

Since one view may include more than one person viewing together, the Michigan Conference of the UMC recommends multiplying the number of views by 1.5 to estimate total online attendance.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Welcome: Bruce Bishop
Liturgist: Kay Cansfield
Communion: Rev. Diane Gordon
Guest Preacher: Jeff Verry
Music: Dianne Prieditis, Marna Jeffery
Technology: David Norton, Trevor Larkins
Greeters: Shirley Chappell
Welcome Center: Dolores Quackenbush
Ushers: Sam Easterly, Heather Torrance, Doug Mitchell, Ron and Tim Kurburski
Coffee Hour: Pam & Dale Zurakowski, Sherry Baker

Next Week – July 14

Liturgist: Dave Hoffman
Music: Hymn Sing, Marna Jeffery
Technology: David Norton
Greeters: Carol Barnhall
Welcome Center: Dolores Quackenbush
Ushers: Sam Easterly, Pam & Dale Zurakowski, Karyn & Gary Gillan
Coffee Hour: Mike & Suzanne Moynihan, Sherry Baker

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 office hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
For pastoral emergencies, please call Pastor Diane directly on her cellphone at 231-457-3744.