



the gospel of  
**Mark: Following Jesus**

**July 14, 2024**

**Jeff Verry, M.Div.— Guest Speaker**

**United Methodist Church of the Dunes**

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## We Gather

Gathering Music & Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, give to the Lord your praises of thanksgiving.

**People: We come this day, grateful for God's wondrous gifts to us!**

Leader: Sing with great enthusiasm of God's mighty power and love.

**People: We celebrate the love that frames our lives.**

Leader: It is a wonderful thing to praise God!

**People: May God's praise always be in our hearts and in our lives. Let's worship together!**

## We Praise God

\*Hymn #89

*"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

A Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 24

Children's Time

Jeff Verry

Hymn Sing

#344 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore vs. 1 & 2

#2146 His Eye is on the Sparrow vs. 1 & 2

#504 The Old Rugged Cross vs. 1 & 4

#378 Amazing Grace vs. 1 & 6

#133 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms vs. 1 & 3

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**You have called us by name, Lord, and made us your family. Yet we do not always live as one body in Christ – we neglect to care for your creation; we forget that our neighbor is also our sibling; we ignore suffering children in lands far away. Forgive us, we pray. Loosen the chains we place on our lives – chains of burden and busyness, chains of ignorance and stress. Free us to care for your family, that we all might dance, sing, and praise your glorious name! Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Paige and Matt Horist

\*Doxology #94

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Gracious God, in this sacred moment of offering, we recognize your sovereignty and mercy. As we present our gifts, may they reflect our gratitude for your presence in our lives, amid the complexities and uncertainties of our journeys. Guide us to dance with abandon, even amid our doubts and struggles, trusting in your steadfast love and grace. Amen.**

**We Share the Word**

A Reading from the Old Testament

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b -19 (NIV)

A Reading from the Gospel

Mark 6:14-29

Sermon

*"Hope and Humility, Y'all"*

Jeff Verry

**We Respond to the Word**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (contemporary)

**Our creator in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.**

\*Final Hymn #261

*"Lord of the Dance"*

**We are Sent Forth**

\*Benediction

\*Chimes

\*Parting Music

*"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

**Hymn #89**

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;  
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

## Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it,

<sup>2</sup> for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.

<sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

<sup>4</sup> Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up  
their souls to what is false and do not swear deceitfully.

<sup>5</sup> They will receive blessing from the LORD  
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

<sup>6</sup> Such is the company of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

<sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in!

<sup>8</sup> Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle.

<sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in!

<sup>10</sup> Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

**Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore**

**#344 vs. 1 & 2**

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore  
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
you only asked me to follow humbly.

{Refrain} O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
and while smiling have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;  
by your side I will seek other seas.

You know so well my possessions;  
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;  
you will find there my nets and labor. {Refrain}

**His Eye is on the Sparrow**

**#2146 vs. 1 & 2**

Why should I feel discouraged?  
Why should the shadows come?  
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,  
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:

{Refrain } His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.  
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
for his eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know he watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," his tender word I hear,  
and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see; {Refrain}

## **The Old Rugged Cross**

**#504 vs. 1 & 4**

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

{Refrain} So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.

To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,  
where his glory forever I'll share. {Refrain}

## **Amazing Grace**

**#378 vs. 1 & 6**

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

**Leaning on the Everlasting Arms**

**#133 vs. 1 & 3**

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

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}

**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 6:1-5, 12b-19 (NIV)**

David again brought together all the able young men of Israel—thirty thousand. <sup>2</sup> He and all his men went to Baalah in Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the LORD Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim on the ark. <sup>3</sup> They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart <sup>4</sup> with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it. <sup>5</sup> David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the LORD, with castanets, harps, lyres, timbrels, sistrums and cymbals.

<sup>12</sup> Now King David was told, “The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God.” So David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing. <sup>13</sup> When those who were carrying the ark of the LORD had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. <sup>14</sup> Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the LORD with all his might, <sup>15</sup> while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

<sup>16</sup> As the ark of the LORD was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she despised him in her heart.

<sup>17</sup> They brought the ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the LORD. <sup>18</sup> After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD Almighty. <sup>19</sup> Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes.

## Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him."

<sup>15</sup> Others said, "He is Elijah." And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago."

<sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!"

<sup>17</sup> For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married.

<sup>18</sup> For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup> So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, <sup>20</sup> because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him.

<sup>21</sup> Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup> When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you." <sup>23</sup> And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom."

<sup>24</sup> She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" "The head of John the Baptist," she answered.

<sup>25</sup> At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

<sup>26</sup> The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup> So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, <sup>28</sup> and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

**Lord of the Dance**  
**Hymn #261**

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

{Refrain} Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
they came to me and the dance went on. {Refrain}

I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame,  
the holy people said it was a shame;  
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;  
and they left me there on a cross to die. {Refrain}

I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;  
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the dance and I still go on. {Refrain}

They cut me down and I leapt up high,  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. {Refrain}

## This Week's Calendar

### **SUNDAY**      **July 14, 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 15, 2024**

- 9:30 AM    Prayer Shawl Group – Panera, Grand Haven
- 1:00 PM    Take the Flag study – Room 2
- 5:30 PM    Chair Yoga – Social Hall

### **TUESDAY**      **July 16, 2024**

- 8:30 AM    ROMEOs – Russ' Restaurant
- 9:00 - 11:00 AM    Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 10:00 AM    Sip, Savor study – Room 2
- 11:00 AM    Staff Meeting
- 6:30 PM    Quilt Board – Room 4

### **WEDNESDAY**      **July 17, 2024**

- 9:00 - 11:00 AM    Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center

### **THURSDAY**      **July 18, 2024**

- 9:00 – 11:00 AM    Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 11:30 AM    Chair Yoga – Social Hall

### **FRIDAY**      **July 19, 2024**

Office Closed

### **SATURDAY**      **July 20, 2024**

No Scheduled Activities

### **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 preached last Sunday and we're so glad to welcome him back today.

### **TRAFFIC NOTE – JULY 14**

Please use extra caution when leaving the church parking lot today. The bicycle course of the Grand Haven Triathlon includes Sheldon Road and takes place this morning. There may be bicyclists passing the church driveway.

### **ROMEOs MEN'S BREAKFAST – JULY 16, RUSS' RESTAURANT**

Retired Old Men Eating Out (ROMEOs) meets on the third Tuesday of every month, 8:30 a.m., at Russ' Restaurant in Grand Haven. Retired or not, all men are invited for this get-together for breakfast and conversation.

### **LET'S CHEER FOR RUNNERS – JULY 27, 7:20 AM**

The Coast Guard City USA 5K and 10K runs pass the Church of the Dunes driveway on Saturday, July 27. Let's cheer for over one thousand runners on behalf of the church. To help, sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office. We will meet at the church parking lot at 7:20 a.m. on race day, then stand near the street and cheer as runners pass. Bring a lawn chair if you'd like. This will wrap up at about 9:45 a.m.

### **IT'S ALMOST HERE: THE 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](http://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](http://umcdunes.org/serve) or contact the church office. Awarded funds go 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.

### **NEW ART EXHIBIT IN THE RYDER LOUNGE – ON NOW**

This exhibit features the work of Wanda Gringhaus Anderson, a well-known local artist and retired art teacher. Wanda is mother to Cris Anderson, Church of the Dunes custodian. In addition, the exhibit includes works by Cris' paternal aunts Jeanne Anderson Curtis and Bette Anderson Rowley. The Ryder Lounge is on the main floor of the church, near the sanctuary. (If there is a class or meeting in session when you stop, please return later.)

## Remembrance

**Betty Johnston died on July 5, 2024**

Per her wishes, there will not be a service.

Please keep Betty's family and friends in your prayers.

## **Memorial Quilt for Gun Violence Victims**

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.

### 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](http://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 Scott and Cathryn Marshall in honor of their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**THE BOWLINGS INVITE YOU FOR CAKE** during coffee time after worship today in the Wiltse Center fellowship area. The cake is in celebration of Joyce's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**BONNIE STONE'S FAMILY INVITES YOU** to an open house for her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, Saturday, July 27, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the Wiltse Center at Church of the Dunes. A cold lunch buffet will be served. Please, no gifts.

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

July 14	Donna Glockzin, Beth Sheffield
July 15	Michell DeVito, Marge Freeman, Blair Miller, Joan Riggs (96)
July 16	Bonnie Buckley
July 17	Suzanne Moynihan
July 18	Debra Mann
July 19	Marcy Willy

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>
July 7	\$6,579	\$9,386	\$8,830	106.3

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/>.

July 7, 2024

Total attendance	251
In person	152
Online	99 (66 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:** Dave Hoffman  
**Guest Preacher:** Jeff Verry  
**Music:** Hymn Sing, Paige Horist, Matt Horist, Marna Jeffery  
**Technology:** David Norton  
**Greeter:** Carol Barnhill  
**Welcome Center:** Dolores Quackenbush  
**Ushers:** Sam Easterly, Pam & Dale Zurakowski, Karyn & Gary Gillan  
**Coffee Hour:** Mike & Suzanne Moynihan, Sherry Baker

## Next Week – July 21

**Liturgist:** Don Woodward  
**Music:** Instrumental Quartet  
**Technology:** David Norton, Trevor Larkins  
**Greeter:** Jane Turner  
**Welcome Center:** Jodie Freeman  
**Ushers:** Sam Easterly, Jane Brown, Doug Mitchell, Tom & Jackie Laughlin  
**Coffee Hour:** Carole Woolf, 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