



**October 27, 2024**

**Stewardship Sunday**

**United Methodist Church of the Dunes**

717 Sheldon Road, Grand Haven, Michigan

**Lou Grettenberger, Pastor**

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## We Gather

Gathering Music & Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Threshold Moment

\*Call to Worship

Leader: I will praise God in every moment, and through every situation.  
**People: Through my words and actions, my life will pay tribute to God.**  
Leader: Whenever the poor and humble hear of God's greatness,  
**People: they will celebrate, too!**  
Leader: Come and lift up God's name with me.  
**People: Let's praise God's name together!**

## We Praise God

\*Hymn #89

*"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

Children's Time

Pastor Lou

Mission Moment

Family Promise

\*Worship Song

*"How Great is our God"*  
*with "How Great Thou Art"*

Tomlin/Cash/Reeves  
Wesley/Hine  
Guitars

Prayer of Confession

**We think that we want to be healed of our blindness, gracious God, but actually we have become so comfortable in our darkness that we fear the light. It is as though we are living in a cave, and rather than take a risk to face the light, we prefer to face the dark wall. Give us courage to take risks which will result in not only our own transformation, but also the transformation opportunities for others. Forgive our stubborn insistence on living in darkness. Take our hands and lead us to the light. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*"His Eye is on the Sparrow"*

arr. Kartsonakis  
Dianne Prieditis

\*Doxology #95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Merciful God, you open our eyes to your truth, and we bring our gifts to you with gratitude. As we worship you this morning, we bring our offerings and annual commitment cards as a response to your call, a step in faith to follow you more closely. Use all these gifts and commitments to spread your love and light, helping others to see your grace and mercy. Bless our giving and open our hearts to see the needs around us so that we may serve with compassion and humility. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

### **We Share the Word**

A Reading from the Psalms		Psalm 126
Worship Song	<i>"Open the Eyes of My Heart"</i>	Baloche Guitars
A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures		Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Sermon	<i>"Second Half of Life"</i>	Pastor Lou

### **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 #2212

*"My Life Flows On"*

### **We are Sent Forth**

\*Benediction

\*Chimes & Parting Music

*\*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.

## **How Great is Our God**

The splendor of the King  
Clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice  
Let all the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light  
And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice  
And trembles at His voice

### **Chorus**

How great is our God  
Sing with me  
How great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God

### **Verse 2**

And age to age He stands  
And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End  
Beginning and the End  
The Godhead three in one  
Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb  
The Lion and the Lamb

### **Bridge**

Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God

## **How Great Thou Art**

O Lord my God  
When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds  
Thy hands have made  
I see the stars  
I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy pow'r thru'out  
The universe displayed

### **Chorus**

Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art  
Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art

### **Verse 2**

When through the woods  
And forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds  
Sing sweetly in the trees  
When I look down  
From lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook  
And feel the gentle breeze

## **Doxology**

### **Hymn #95**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Psalm 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup> Then our mouth was filled with laughter  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then it was said among the nations,  
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

<sup>3</sup> The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we rejoiced.

<sup>4</sup> Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses in the Negeb.

<sup>5</sup> May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy.

<sup>6</sup> Those who go out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
carrying their sheaves.

### **Open the Eyes of My Heart**

Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy holy holy

Holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy  
I want to see You

### **Job 42:1-6, 10-17 (NRSVUE)**

Then Job answered the LORD: <sup>2</sup> "I know that you can do all things and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

<sup>3</sup> 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?'

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,  
things too wonderful for me that I did not know.

<sup>4</sup> 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.'

<sup>5</sup> I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; <sup>6</sup> therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes."

<sup>10</sup> And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends, and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. <sup>11</sup> Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. <sup>12</sup> The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning, and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. <sup>13</sup> He also had seven sons and three daughters. <sup>14</sup> He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. <sup>15</sup> In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. <sup>16</sup> After this Job lived one hundred and forty years and saw his children and his children's children, four generations. <sup>17</sup> And Job died, old and full of days.



**My Life Flows On**  
**Hymn #2212**

My life flows on in endless song,  
above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

What though my joys and comforts die?  
I know my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth. [Refrain]

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

## This Week's Calendar

### **SUNDAY**      **October 27, 2024**

- 9:30 AM    Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:45 AM    Sunday School - Room 8
- 10:30 AM   Coffee Fellowship & 90-Somethings Birthday Party - Wiltse Center
- 10:45 AM   Faith Linked – Ryder Lounge

### **MONDAY**      **October 28, 2024**

- 9:30 AM    Prayer Shawl Group – Panera Bread, Grand Haven
- 11:00 – 3:00 PM   Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
- 1:30 PM    Book Club - Panera
- 1:30- -5:30 PM   Piano Lessons - Sanctuary
- 5:30 PM    Chair Yoga – Social Hall

### **TUESDAY**      **October 29, 2024**

- 9:00 - 11:00 AM   Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 9:00 - 11:00 AM   Pastor Lou's Office Hours
- 10:00 AM    Good News Study – Room 2
- 11:00 – 3:00 PM   Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
- 7:00 PM    Bells of Glory – Choir Loft

### **WEDNESDAY**      **October 30, 2024**

- 9:00 - 11:00 AM   Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 9:30 AM    Organ Lesson – Choir Loft
- 11:00 - 3:00 PM   Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
- 5:15 PM    Supper - Wiltse Center
- 6:00 PM    Knit & Crochet – Conference Room
- 6:00 PM    Guitars – Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM    Grace Study – Ryder Lounge
- 7:00 PM    Chancel Choir – Choir Loft

### **THURSDAY**      **October 31, 2024**

- 9:00 – 11:00 AM   Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 10:30 AM    Community Choir – Choir Room
- 11:00 – 3:00 PM   Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
- 11:30 AM    Chair Yoga – Social Hall
- 3:00 – 7:00 PM   Piano Lessons – Social Hall

### **FRIDAY**      **November 1, 2024**

- Office Closed
- 11:00 – 3:00 PM   Private Lessons – Wiltse Center

### **SATURDAY**      **November 2, 2024**

No Scheduled Activities

Church of the Dunes  
Information, Events, and Activities

*Events and activities are open to all.*

**MISSION MOMENT: FAMILY PROMISE OF THE LAKESHORE – TODAY**

Today in worship, Family Promise of the Lakeshore will share updates about its important work serving families experiencing homelessness. If you would like to contribute and will do so by check, please make it payable to Church of the Dunes and note Family Promise on the memo line.

**90-SOMETHINGS BIRTHDAY BASH – TODAY, AFTER WORSHIP**

You are invited to the Wiltse Center fellowship area after worship today to celebrate Church of the Dunes' 90-something-year-olds! There will be coffee, cake, and more. To get to the Wiltse Center, find the hallway outside of the worship space, follow it until it ends, and turn right.

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY WORSHIP – NOVEMBER 3**

Please be sure to join us for worship next Sunday as we remember members and friends of Church of the Dunes who passed away since last year at this time. This service is always especially beautiful; a candle is lit, and a chime rung as we remember each of these loved ones.

**HUNGER OFFERING – NOVEMBER 3**

Next Sunday in worship, we will gather a Hunger Offering to benefit the food pantry at The People Center in Spring Lake. If you would like to contribute by check, please make it payable to Church of the Dunes and note "Hunger Offering" on the memo line.

**FREE CONCERT: RUBY JOHN, FIDDLER – NOVEMBER 7, 7:00 PM**

Ruby John is an accomplished fiddler who has toured the United States and Canada. Her playing styles include Métis, Celtic, traditional country and mountain, and Bluegrass. John Warstler accompanies Ruby on guitar. This event is free and open to the public.

**CHURCH OF THE DUNES ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE – NOVEMBER 10, 2:00 PM**

The annual conference is the annual business meeting of this congregation. All may attend; members of Church of the Dunes may vote. The church building also serves as a conference hub that afternoon, with six other UMC congregations holding their annual meetings at this location. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks, including: greet, guide visiting congregation members to their meeting rooms, assist with refreshments, clean-up afterwards. To sign up, contact the church office or sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office.

**MEET-UP FOR LIGHTHOUSE PROGRAM AT TRI-CITIES MUSEUM – NOVEMBER 14, 6:00 PM**

Finishing Well Ministry (55+) invites any who are interested to meet up for "Women of the Watch, Keepers of the Light" at the Tri-Cities Historical Museum in Grand Haven. Theater artist Anna Kamryn Marck presents 45 minutes of music, laughter, and storytelling about family trips to the lighthouses of Michigan, and stories of female lighthouse keepers of the Great Lakes. Admission at the door is \$15.

**FREE PICKLEBALL CLINIC – NOVEMBER 19, 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

Coach Jaron has won multiple medals at the 5.0 level and plays pickleball on the pro tour. He will lead this free clinic in the Wiltse Center fellowship area at church. Bring your paddle if you have one and dress comfortably.

**THANKSGIVING POTLUCK DINNER – NOVEMBER 24, 5:00 PM**

You are invited – and bring friends, neighbors, and relatives – to this delicious annual tradition at Church of the Dunes. Turkey, stuffing, potatoes, and gravy are provided. Please bring your own plate and utensils and a side dish or dessert to share. Watch for sign-up opportunities in upcoming bulletins.

### **Looking Ahead - 2024 Advent Studies**

There will be three Advent studies offered this year. Two will be held during the day and one in the evening. Details are in the November Dunes Digest newsletter, which will be published this week.

“Our Hope Has Come”                      Mondays, 1:00 p.m.                      Begins December 2 (4 weeks)  
“Preparing My Heart for Advent”                      Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.                      Begins November 26 (4 weeks)  
“The Journey”                      Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.                      Begins November 20 (4 weeks)

### 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.

**Deadlines:** Items for the bulletin should be submitted before noon on Tuesdays. Bulletin space is limited; early submissions are recommended. Items for the Dunes Digest newsletter are due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior.

**Updates appreciated:** 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.

### Hospitality Hint

Please remember to silence your phone for worship.

## Praises and Prayers

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are from Cathy Shick in memory of her mother, Eloise Jones, on what would have been her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**PAULA JOHNSON wants to** thank everyone for the beautiful cards, and it was great to see everyone in person last Sunday.

### **CROP HUNGER WALK RESULTS AND THANK YOU**

On Sunday, October 6, we walked in solidarity with those who must walk every day to meet their daily needs. Church of the Dunes had almost thirty walkers and raised over \$4,600, a new record. The 2024 Tri-Cities CROP Hunger Walk has raised about \$56,000 and is anticipated to raise almost \$58,000 for our local walk's best total ever. In the 50 years of the Tri-Cities walk, thousands of walkers and donors have secured over \$1,375,000 to address food insecurity in our community and world. Thank you again for your efforts and for putting our feet where our faith is. *Blair Miller*

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

October 28	Martin Hillila
October 29	Anna Cox
October 31	Roger Cox
November 2	Stuart Bergstrom, Holly Zenko
November 3	Denny Stuart

## 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>
October 20	\$29,074	\$9,275	\$8,830	105

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/>.

### October 20, 2024

In Person	156
Online	55.5 (37x 1.5)
Total Attendance	211.5

*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**

**Liturgist:** Jan Lipfert  
**Pastor:** Lou Grettenberger  
**Music:** "Strings & Things" Guitar Club, Dianne Prieditis  
**Technology:** David Norton, Trevor Larkins  
**Greeters:** Diane & Tom Gordon  
**Welcome Center:** Vicki Reis  
**Ushers:** Sam Easterly, Jane Brown, Nancy Humphrey, John Bartels, Gary Gillan  
**Coffee Hour:** 90-Somethings Birthday Bash

## **Next Week – November 3**

**Liturgist:** Kay Cansfield  
**Pastor:** Lou Grettenberger  
**Music:** Chancel Choir  
**Technology:** David Norton, ArSarNi Grettenberger  
**Greeters:** Jack & Char Grevel  
**Welcome Center:** Ann Antaya  
**Ushers:** Sam Easterly, Heather Torrance, Neal Miller, Karyn & Gary Gillan  
**Coffee Hour:** 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 Lou directly on his cellphone at 231-883-9806.