

August 23, 2026
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



*Welcome! We're glad that you're here.
Please use the time before worship to prepare your heart and
mind for being in the presence of God. The musical prelude is
offered as a time of spiritual preparation*

*Please let us know you are here,
especially if you are new to worship with us!
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ENTRANCE

Prelude & Processional
“Brethren We Have Met To Worship”
by Hustain (Karen Weirman)

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

***Opening Prayer**
Gracious and loving God, You have called us together to worship You, reminding us that Your love is stronger than our fears, greater than our failures, and deeper than we can imagine. Open our hearts to receive Your grace and fill us with the confidence that nothing can separate us from Your love in Christ Jesus. May our songs, our prayers, and our lives bring glory to You. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** “Come, Thou Almighty King” #61, Vs. 1-3
(Hymn lyrics on back of bulletin)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time Mostly for Children

Special Music
9:00 “More than Wonderful” by Wolfe
Performed by Marie Hawkins & Doug Foutch
11:00 Music performed by Beever’s Clarinet Trio

Moment of Silence and Pastoral Prayer

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.

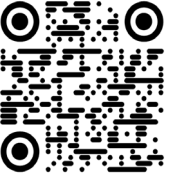
Scripture Reading Luke 15:25-32 (CEB)

Sermon: “Simple: Inviting the Lost”
Rev. Wesley Dickson

THANKSGIVING

Moment of Gratitude and Generosity

*Want to give electronically? Please scan
the code to give now! Thank you!*



Offertory “Wonderful Peace” by Stickles
(Karen Weirman)

***Prayer of Dedication**
Generous God, everything we have is a gift from Your loving hand. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude and devotion. Use them to proclaim the hope of Christ, to serve those in need, and to share the good news that Your love reaches every heart. May our giving reflect our confidence that nothing can separate us from Your love. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

***Closing Hymn** “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”
#430, Vs. 1-2 (Hymn lyrics on back of bulletin)

***Benediction**

Postlude “Marche Heroique” by Stickles
(Karen Weirman)

****Communion will be available in the Chapel immediately
following the service for those who wish to participate.**

Church Happenings

Summer Worship Our 9:00 a.m. service will be outdoors, weather permitting through August 30. We will continue to keep our 11:00 a.m. service indoors during the summer. For outdoor service, bring a chair or a blanket and join us! If weather is not permitting, we will gather indoors. *****Please note, there is no Sunday School or Nursery during the summer.***

All-Church Picnic August 30! Hot dogs! Fried chicken! Ice cream Sundaes! Come enjoy a delicious catered lunch and fellowship with your church family on Sunday, August 30, at noon. Lunch will be served immediately after the 11 a.m. service in Fellowship Hall and the chapel. Gluten free options will be available. Nursery care and activities will be provided for Sunday school age children at the 11 a.m. service. Come join the fun! Bring your family! Bring a friend! See you there!

Frankfort Fall Festival Brat Booth Volunteers Needed Please sign up on the sign-up board in the Narthex! We have many shifts to fill, join us for this great event!

1st Annual Old Campground Music Festival This new event is designed to celebrate the many gifted musicians within our church family and to share their talents with our community. Join us Saturday, September 19 from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. (Rain date Sunday, September 20 at the same time) We are looking for musicians to participate and volunteers to help! Please talk with Clifford Hunt (email is cdhstrings@gmail.com) if you are interested in performing or volunteering! The sign-up sheet for both can be found on our website under happenings. This is a new event so it's still evolving, if you have any questions or suggestions, please let Clifford know!

Sunday Email If you are not receiving a Sunday morning email for Wesley and wish to be added, please contact Pastor Wesley at wesley@umcnl.com. You'll receive an email each Sunday at 6:30 a.m. with the most current UMCNL information. This is also how we will communicate about outdoor worship service changes due to weather during the summer.

Prayer Chain Ministry Would you like to be a part of our Prayer Chain Ministry by becoming a prayer warrior? Email office@umcnl.com to let us know your desire to be a part of this wonderful group! Prayer changes things! If you are interested in a paper copy, please let the office know.

Get Involved

Sunday School will resume on September 13th at the 9:00 service. We offer Sunday School for children from 3 years old as of September 1, 2026 through 7th grade. Pre-registration is available for Sunday school. Use the QR code to fill out the form. Pre-registration is not required. It helps us with planning and saves you time when your child attends the first time.



SCAN ME

Nursery Volunteers Needed Help Us Welcome Our Youngest Blessings! Nursery runs from 8:50 am until the end of the 9:00 service. Teams of two - one must be over 21 - supervise the children. Each team will take one Sunday a month from September 2026 - May 2027. Please contact Linda Haring at lharing15@gmail.com to participate in this ministry and to find out which Sunday groups are available. (Example: 1st Sunday, 2nd Sunday, etc.). Background checks are required.

Volunteers needed at Food Bank UMCNL volunteers are needed on Saturday September 19 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. at the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Larkin Avenue, Joliet. (Children aged 8 & above can help if accompanied by an adult) . Sign up on the poster in the Narthex by September 6.

Serve neighbors who are hungry Volunteers are needed to help serve the evening meal to residents at Daybreak Center in Joliet on Monday evening Sept. 7 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. UMCNL volunteers will assist with the meal set up, serving, and clean up under the direction of congregational member Kristine Warning. (Hats or head coverings & closed toed shoes are a must) To volunteer or for more information contact Kristine directly at kwarning@sbcglobal.net

Chapel Bible Study Resumes The Message of Jesus by Adam Hamilton, postponed from the spring, will now be offered in a 6 week session, co-led by Pastor Greta McDonald, beginning Monday, September 14. Depending on class interest, there may be 2 times offered: 3:30-4:30 or 7-8 p.m. Please contact Marilyn Gallagher at gallaghermar2@yahoo.com or 815-485-3015 to select a time and order a book. Please join us for this timeless and inspirational study!

Welcome Center Volunteers are needed on Sundays! If you are interested and/or have any questions, please contact Amanda Fox at amandaseverson1281@gmail.com

Greeters Needed We are looking for greeters on Sundays! Please contact Joyce Korista at (815) 485-6879 if you can help!

Opening Hymn: "Come, Thou Almighty King"

1. Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise! Father all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!
2. Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend! Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend!
3. Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!

Closing Hymn:

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

1. O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

Contact Us/Prayer Requests

Would you like to connect with one of our Pastors? Please see the contact information below or you can scan one of the codes below using your smartphone to directly set an appointment. If you have a prayer request, please scan the prayer request code.

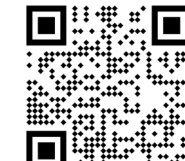
Pastor Mark: Call/text: 815-587-3795; mark@umcnl.com

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Pastor Mark



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