

August 30, 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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aim it at the code below. Thank you!.*



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ENTRANCE

Prelude & Processional

Music performed by Susie Jasurda

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

***Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, your creation is much larger than we can comprehend. We wonder what exists beyond the stars and if life may exist beyond our earth. In all our wondering, remind us that we are never beyond your care. Give us the humility to admit what we do not know, the courage to ask honest questions, and the faith to trust you with the mysteries of your creation. May we remember that wherever life may exist, you are its Creator and Christ is Lord. Gather us together as one flock, listening for the voice of the Good Shepherd. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "All Creatures of Our God and King" #62
(Hymn lyrics on back of bulletin)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time Mostly for Children

Special Music

9:00 Music performed by Susie Jasurda

11:00 Music performed by Logan Burgess

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.

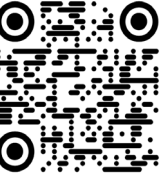
Scripture Reading John 10:14-16

Sermon: "Aliens!" Rev. Mark J. Meyers

THANKSGIVING

Moment of Gratitude and Generosity

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



Offertory

Music performed by Susie Jasurda

***Prayer of Dedication**

God, the heavens declare your glory, and all that exists belongs to you. Receive these gifts, along with our time, our talents, our questions, and our lives. Use what we give to proclaim the love of Christ and to make your Church a place of welcome, compassion, and hope. May everything we offer help make your kingdom visible in this world. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, we pray. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

***Closing Hymn** "How Great Thou Art" #77
(Hymn lyrics on back of bulletin)

***Benediction**

Postlude Music performed by Susie Jasurda

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

The flowers on the altar have been placed by:

Beverly, Karl and Erich Deptolla
In Memory of Jerry Deptolla

Church Happenings

All-Church Picnic is TODAY! 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 for Fall Festival next weekend 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!

UMCNL Women's Retreat Join us October 16–18, 2026 for a weekend of fellowship, reflection, and fun at the beautiful LaSalle Manor Retreat Center in Plano, Illinois. Jan Casebolt will be our speaker as we celebrate women from biblical times as well as special women through history. The cost is \$220 and includes food, lodging, and everything you will need from Friday at 6:30 p.m. until Sunday at noon. Contact Teresa Randolph at 773-405-6233 or Erika Martin at 815-409-5178 with questions and to hold your spot.

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.

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. There will be two class times offered: 3:30 and 7:00 p.m. Please contact Marilyn Gallagher at gallaghermar2@yahoo.com or 815-485-3015 with questions. 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: “All Creatures of Our God and King”

1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, O praise ye! Alleluia! O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam! O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. Dear mother earth, who day by day unfoldest blessings on our way, Alleluia! Alleluia! The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, let them God's glory also show! O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Hymn: “How Great Thou Art”

1 O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hand have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

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!

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;

Refrain

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.

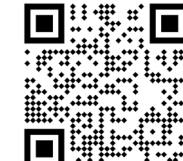
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Pastor Mark



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Pastor Wesley

