

August 16, 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!
Simply open your camera on your smart phone and
aim it at the code below. Thank you!.*



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ENTRANCE

Prelude & Processional
“Morning Has Broken” by Smith
(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** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” #140, Vs 1,3
(Hymn lyrics on back of bulletin)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time Mostly for Children

Special Music
9:00 “Something Beautiful” performed by
Viv VanDonk, Soloist
11:00 “Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us”
Piano/Organ Duet, Weirmans

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 15:11-24 (CEB)

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

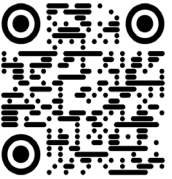
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Sacrament of Baptism (11 a.m.)

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Moment of Gratitude and Generosity

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



Offertory “Gentle Shepherd” by Riggs
(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** “Freely, Freely” #389
(Hymn lyrics on back of bulletin)

***Benediction**

Postlude “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” by Hustand
(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! Come and 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. 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!

Coffee Hour Schedule We will be developing the coffee hour schedule for the 2026-27 church year. If you wish to volunteer to help with coffee hour, or if you have suggestions for improvement, please contact Jane Corradetti at 815-258-8304 or jcorradetti1@comcast.net by August 16.

Introduction to United Methodism We are pleased to announce our Summer Intro to United Methodism Class. This is a 4-week study that is open to our entire church, designed as an interactive way to learn a lot about United Methodism. This class is also the way by which we receive those who desire to join the membership of The United Methodist Church of New Lenox. We will cover a little of our history, doctrine, theology, and membership vows. There is no cost to participate; simply contact Pastor Wesley (wesley@umcnl.com) so that we have enough materials for everyone. This Study will be held on Sunday afternoons beginning at 2:30 p.m. on August 16 (today!), 23, and 30. Those desiring to join the membership of UMCNL will be received during the service of their choice on Sunday, September 13.

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

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!

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!

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. Watch for more information next week in the bulletin and Friday email.

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.

Friendship Group Luncheon will be August 20, 2026 at Aurelio's Pizza at 9901 W. Lincoln Hwy in Frankfort, IL. The Sponsor is Diane Sanborn. All 55+ church members are invited. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex next to the name tags. Hopefully we will see you there.

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.

Opening Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
(Refrain)

Closing Hymn : "Freely, Freely"

1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name; And in Jesus' name I come to you to share his love as he told me to.

Refrain:

He said: "Freely, freely, you have received, Freely, freely give; Go in my name, and because you believe others will know that I live."

2. All power is given in Jesus' name, in earth and heaven in Jesus' name; and in Jesus' name I come to you to share his power as he told me to.

(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.

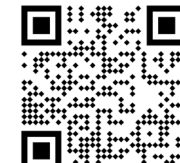
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Pastor Wesley

