

August 17, 2025
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
10th Sunday after Pentecost



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

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ENTRANCE

Prelude & Processional

“Morning Has Broken” by Smith
(Karen Weirman)

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

***Opening Prayer**

O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you, eyes to behold you, ears to listen for your Word, a heart to love you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** “It Is Well with My Soul” v. 1-3 #377
(Hymn lyrics on back of bulletin)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time Mostly for Children

Anthem “Prayer of the Children” by Hayes
(Quartet: Wesley Dickson, Mark Meyers,
Carol Schirmer, Viv VanDonk)

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.

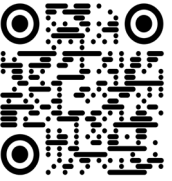
Scripture Reading Romans 5:1-5

Sermon: “The Suffering Question: Part 3”
Rev. Mark Meyers

THANKSGIVING

Moment of Gratitude and Generosity

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Offertory

“Wonderful Peace” by Stickles
(Karen Weirman)

***Prayer of Dedication**

O Holy One, we make our offerings at this time both in gratitude and in seeking, in both remembering and hoping, in both fear and faith. Regardless of what is going on in our lives right now, receive these gifts as our way of praising you. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

***Closing Hymn** “They’ll Know We Are Christians...” v. 1-3
TFWS#2223 (Hymn lyrics on back of bulletin)

***Benediction**

Recessional “Amen” (11:00)

Postlude “Lead On O King Eternal”
(Karen Weirman)

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

Church Happenings

New Church Office Hours Please note we have new office hours! Our new church office hours will be Monday - Thursday, 9-2 p.m. and Friday 9-12 p.m. Please reach out to Lindsay at office@umcnl.com with any office needs. She is grateful for your patience during this time of transition! **** Please note, the office will be closed this Tuesday, August 19th.**

Summer Worship continues! Our 9:00 a.m. service will be outdoors, weather permitting! 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 during the summer.**

Contemporary Worship Service We are proud to offer a much more relaxed experience of worship each Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. Join us!

Church Flea Market-Help! In need of a few good things! Those THINGS are your time, your “stuff” and your prayers! The committee has been busy organizing vendors and pricing items, but we are need your “stuff”. We are looking for used household items, home décor, small furniture pieces, children’s toys and games, etc. We do ask that all items be clean and in good working order. You don’t need to price them – we will do that! And just a reminder we do not resell clothing or large furniture pieces. Items can be brought to the church and placed in the southwest corner of the basement (please mark “flea market”) or you can contact Jim Speicher at (815)483-8183. We would like to have all items by September 1st (the sooner the better) Additionally, the day of the sale we are in need of help throughout the day with unpacking the truck and boxes early in the morning, assisting with sales, parking, and food serving during the day and repacking unsold items at the end of the day to go to Treasure Chest!

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.

Friendship Group Our next Friendship Group Luncheon will be August 21 at noon at Aurelio’s in Frankfort. The Sponsor is Diane Sanborn. All are invited 55+ to see you there. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex next to the name tags.

Get Involved

Paper Products Collections Sunday, August 24 UMCNL volunteers once a month at the Ridgewood United Community Pantry. Besides providing a box of food to each client, we are in need of paper products such as paper towels and toilet paper, as well as baby diapers. Sizes 1 thru 6 are most requested by our pantry clients. We will be holding a “drive through & drop off” collection on Sunday, August 24th from 12 noon to 2 p.m. here at the church. At that time you can drive through the parking lot and drop off your donation as vehicles will be waiting to accept your donations.

Sunday School Our first day of Sunday School at the 9:00 service will be Sunday, September 7th. There are preschool classes for children 3 years old as of September 1, 2025, a Kindergarten-2nd grade class, a 3rd-4th grade class, and a 5th-7th grade class. Students in the 8th grade and up stay and attend service with their families. Nursery is also available for children not in preschool. We look forward to starting this special time with our younger members of the church family.

Sunday School Volunteers Would you like to serve the church, but you don’t have a lot of time on weekdays? Consider joining our 9:00 Sunday School and nursery team. You will work with amazing kids and other members of the church, you teach one Sunday a month, or more if you wish, and a curriculum is provided for you. Experience with teaching is not required. We need 3 people to join our 5th - 7th grade team and one for our 3rd - 4th grade team. Nursery works in teams of two, one Sunday a month. Contact Linda Haring at lharing15@gmail.com with questions. Come join the fun!

All-Church Picnic Mark your calendars! Come and enjoy a delicious catered lunch and fellowship with your church family on Sunday, September 7, 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!

Chapel Bible Study resumes! We will be discussing *We Believe: How the Nicene Creed Can Deepen Your Faith* by Michael Carpenter and how this creed still speaks powerfully to today’s world. The six-week Monday night study begins on September 15, and will be co-led by Pastor Greta McDonald. For questions, call Marilyn Gallagher at (815) 485-3015.

Want to reach one of our Pastors?

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

Pastor Wesley: Call/text: 630-708-2470; wesley@umcnl.com

Opening Hymn “It Is Well with My Soul”

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)

3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)

Closing Hymn “They’ll Know We Are Christians...”

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
They will know we are Christians by our love

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we’ll guard each human dignity and save human pride
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.