

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 30, 2026 10:00 am

*“Train children
in the way
they should go;
when they grow old,
they won’t
depart from it.”*

- PROVERBS 22:6 (CEB)

**UNITED METHODIST
STUDENT DAY**

**SPECIAL
SUNDAY**



*By the grace of God, we seek to love God
and to serve humanity as Christ did.*

The People of Grand Avenue United Methodist Church

Welcome to GRAND AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor: Jerry Cho

Prayer Request Cards are available in each pew. An usher will collect the cards during the service. Pastor will include your prayer request during the Sharing of Concerns and Joys.

Yellow Welcome Cards are available in each pew for our guests to fill out.

Hymns and Songs are in the red United Methodist Hymnal (**UMH**) and the black song book The Faith We Sing (**TFWS**) located in the pew racks. **Indicates those who are able may stand.*

Entrance and Praise

PRELUDE

Mason Thill

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rama Bharadwaj

To our guests, we extend our warm greetings.
To the friends we know, let us renew our welcome.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (L-Leader, A-All)

Rama Bharadwaj

L: The Word of God is planted in our hearts.

A: May our hearts be receptive to the Word.

L: The Love of God rains down on us.

A: May our souls soak in the wonder of God's love.

L: The Breath of God blows softly within us.

A: May our minds be stirred by the power of God's spirit.

***HYMN**

Be Still, My Soul

#534 UMH

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Rama Bharadwaj

Friends in Christ, God calls us to turn away from the things that separate us from God and from one another. In humility and trust, let us confess our sins, knowing that God is merciful and ready to receive us with grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Pastor Jerry Cho

Merciful God, we confess that we have not always loved you with our whole heart, nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have held on to pride, fear, anger, and self-interest. We have spoken when we should have listened, remained silent when we should have spoken, and chosen our own way instead of following yours. Forgive us, O God, for the ways we have failed to live as people of your love. Heal what is broken within us and among us. Renew our hearts, restore our relationships, and guide us in the way of Christ. Help us to receive your grace and to extend that same grace to others. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Now let us take a moment of quiet reflection to bring our sins individually before our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (L-Leader, P-People)

L: Hear the good news: God's mercy is greater than our failures, and God's grace is offered freely to all who turn toward God. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and made new. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Christ, we are forgiven and made anew.

P: Thanks be to God!

Forgiven and restored to right union with God let us offer each other the sign of His peace. This is a symbol of our commitment to love our neighbor.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Proclamation and Response

FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-15

Rama Bharadwaj

Page 48, Old Testament in pew Bible

SECOND READING

Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

Rama Bharadwaj

Page 525, Old Testament in pew Bible

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:21-28

Pastor Jerry Cho

Page 17, New Testament in pew Bible

Leader: The Word of God for people of God!

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus

Pastor Jerry Cho

***HYMN**

Jesu, Jesu

#432 UMH

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND JOYS

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

Collectively we bring our petitions to the Lord with the prayer He has given us.

THE 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.

AFTER LORD'S PRAYER

Amen

#898 UMH

Sending Forth

***HYMN**

This is My Father's World

#144 UMH

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Mason Thill

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**SPECIAL OFFERINGS RECEIVED 8/23:**

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|----------------|---------|
| Family Promise | \$50.00 |
| UM Student Day | \$30.00 |

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Volunteers, Thank you for serving in our ministry!

Liturgist	Cupbearers	Coffee Host
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8/30	Rama Bharadwaj	n/a	Potluck Leftovers
9/6	Jan Young	Needed*	Needed*
9/13	Lin Lohr	n/a	Judy, Deb, Vickie, & Kaylee

****See sign-up on bulletin board***

Usher	A/V
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8/30	Larry Maechtle	Scott Penkivech
9/6	Larry Maechtle	Scott Penkivech
9/13	Larry Maechtle	Scott Penkivech

Calendar Reminders This Week:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Mon – Fri	10:30am-12:30pm	ADRC Meal Distribution	Kitchen
Wed 9/2	9:30 am	Community Prayer Group	Christ the King
	8 pm	AA Mtg	FAC
Thu 9/3	5:30 pm	Private Group	FAC



Current Needs

Canned meats, canned beans, condiments, large soups, peanut butter, jelly, assorted pasta, and salad dressing.

Today is UM Student Day

Today we come together to support students pursuing education and ministry. Student Day invites you to support United Methodist students in achieving their educational goals. You can make a special offering any Sunday by indicating “UM Student Day” in the memo line.



 **UNITED
METHODIST
STUDENT
DAY**

Educating a
new generation
of principled
Christian leaders

UNITED IN IMPACT

**SPECIAL
SUNDAY**
The United Methodist Church



GIVE NOW



Current Needs

Women's 3 blade disposable razors, dryer sheets, laundry detergent pods, toilet bowl cleaner, foaming bath cleaner, and earplugs.

Meal Week Thank You!

Thank you to Sandy & Mark Grams, Ardelle Dionne, Cindy Cho, Lin Lohr, and John & Cheryl Wozniak for providing meals at the Portlight Shelter this past week. Our next opportunity to serve meals will be the week of November 9th. We welcome you to join in this mission.

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As we enter the fall season,  
do you feel called to deepen  
your prayer life?

*One Voice  
in Prayer  
Community  
Prayer Group*

Resumes September 2nd

This prayer group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays of the month beginning September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30-10:30 am, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 420 W. Whitefish Rd, Port Washington. Contact Leslie Braun at [lesliebraun050@gmail.com](mailto:lesliebraun050@gmail.com) or 262-227-8905 with any questions.



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