

# July 21, 2024

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(\*\*Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Carol Stewart  
"Christians, We Have Met to Worship" William Moore/Mark Hayes

\*\*Call to Worship

The voice of God is calling us to come with all that we are and all that we carry to worship.

**Come! Let us worship!**

God calls us to reorient us again to the ways of God.

**Come! Let us worship!**

So, come, members of the family of God!

**Come! Let us worship! Thanks be to God.**

\*\*Opening Hymn "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" UMH #203

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Lord, we gather here this morning with lives that are filled with activity and movement. Help us to let go of the hectic times and the stresses and find our place in and with you through our worship today. Relax our spirits and refresh our souls. Amen.**

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" (v. 1,3,4) UMH #540

Prayers of the Faithful & 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.**

Offering/Offertory

"O Worship the King"

Carol Stewart  
Johann Haydn

\*\*Doxology

UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**Holy God, in this moment of offering, we acknowledge your timeless presence and boundless love. As we bring forth our gifts, may we be reminded of your unwavering faithfulness and steadfast guidance in our lives. Grant us the wisdom to heed your call to worship and live out our faith with humility and grace. Amen.**

Ministry of Music

Suzanne Bandy, Beth Latella; vocal duet  
"Make Us One" Twila Paris

Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon

"Call to Worship"

Pastor Jeff Bandy

\*\*Closing Hymn

"Lord of the Dance"

(v. 1-4) UMH #261

\*\*Sending Forth

Postlude

"Here I Am To Worship"

Carol Stewart  
Tim Hughes/Melody Bober



*The Altar Flowers are given by Gary and Chris Allen  
in honor of their children and grandchildren.*

## Scripture Reading – 2 Samuel 7:1-14a (NIV)

### God's Promise to David

<sup>7</sup> After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, <sup>2</sup> he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent."

<sup>3</sup> Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you."

<sup>4</sup> But that night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying:

<sup>5</sup> "Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in?' <sup>6</sup> I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. <sup>7</sup> Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?'"

<sup>8</sup> "Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup> I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. <sup>10</sup> And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning <sup>11</sup> and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

"The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: <sup>12</sup> When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup> He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup> I will be his father, and he will be my son.



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### July 21, 2024 - Worship Team

Ushers	Rick Smith, Joyce Smith Ed Stidham, Margaret Stidham
Greeter	Becky Cultice
Liturgist	Julie Wickline
Organist	Carol Stewart

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