

# September 7, 2025

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  
"Be Thou My Vision" arr. by Marilyn Ham

\*\*Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 139:7-12)

O God, where could we go to escape your presence?

**Wherever we go, God knows our name.**

If we were to go up to heaven, or down to the grave...

**You, O God, would be there with us.**

If we were to have wings and fly to the far side of the ocean...

**Lord, even there, your hand would guide and protect us.**

If darkness surrounded us and we lost our way...

**Lord of Light, in you there is no darkness at all and you will light our way.**

\*\*Opening Hymn "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" (v. 1,2,3,5) UMH #295

Opening Prayer (unison)

**All-knowing God, We gather together with praise and thanksgiving for who You are, and for all that You have done for us. You know us better than we know ourselves—all our thoughts and actions—and yet You love us. We praise You for Your love and Your faithful presence in our lives. May Your Spirit move in our hearts and minds as we worship together—examine our attitudes and actions, lay bare the things we need to confess, challenge us with Your Word, and guide us on to paths that lead to life. Amen.**

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Change My Heart, O God" (Repeat 1x - see insert)

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

"More About Jesus Would I Know" Carol Stewart  
John R. Sweney

\*\*Doxology

UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**Gracious God, you have blessed us beyond measure; you have entrusted us as partners to care for your world. Bless these gifts and our very lives. Transform everything we are in this life into offerings that bring your love to the world. Amen.**

Ministry of Music

"In This Very Room" Pam Colbrunn, vocal solo  
Ron & Carol Harris

Scripture Reading

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Sermon

"God Knows Us" Pastor Jeff Bandy

Sacrament of Baptism/Welcoming New Members

UMH #33-39

Baptisms: Sara Gardner, Logan Gardner,  
Dessa Retherford, and Kelan Cramer

Reaffirmation of Faith: Tracy Bradford and Deborah Swigart

Transfer from UMC: Jack & Janet Westfall

Sacrament of Holy Communion

\*\*Closing Hymn

"In Christ There Is No East or West" UMH #548

\*\*Sending Forth

Postlude

"More Like the Master" Carol Stewart  
Charles H. Gabriel



*The Altar flowers are given by Bruce & Debbie Spidler  
in honor of their children and grandchildren.*

## Scripture Reading - Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (CEB)

**139** LORD, you have examined me.

You know me.

**2** You know when I sit down and when I stand up.

Even from far away, you comprehend my plans.

**3** You study my traveling and resting.

You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways.

**4** There isn't a word on my tongue, LORD,  
that you don't already know completely.

**5** You surround me—front and back.

You put your hand on me.

**6** That kind of knowledge is too much for me;  
it's so high above me that I can't reach it.

**13** You are the one who created my innermost parts;  
you knit me together while I was still in my mother's womb.

**14** I give thanks to you that I was marvelously set apart.  
Your works are wonderful—I know that very well.

**15** My bones weren't hidden from you  
when I was being put together in a secret place,  
when I was being woven together in the deep parts of the earth.

**16** Your eyes saw my embryo,  
and on your scroll every day was written that was being formed  
for me,

before any one of them had yet happened.

**17** God, your plans are incomprehensible to me!  
Their total number is countless!

**18** If I tried to count them—they outnumber grains of sand!  
If I came to the very end—I'd still be with you.

### WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon. We would love to get to know you, please take a moment to provide your information in the attendance register located in each pew.



### Rev. Jeff Bandy

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**We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation**

## Sunday, September 7, 2025 Worship Team

Ushers

Mike Tittle, Don Wolf  
Butch Smith, Rick Smith

Greeters

Kirk Henning, Jane Henning

Liturgist

Mike Engle

Organist

Carol Stewart

Chancel Choir Director

Glen Shaw

Handbell Choir Director

Jim McPeck



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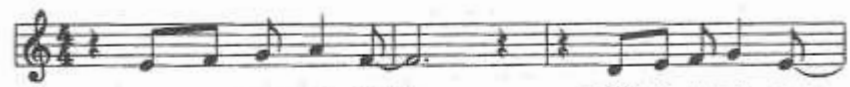
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