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Weekly Announcements & Worship Guide for July 26, 2026

As always, thank you for worshipping in body or spirit as a part of this congregation. Thank you for your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness. This weekly mailing includes this Sunday's worship guide, announcements, and prayer lists. Please join in praying for our worship, mission, and ministries.

Who We Are & What We Do

Vision statement – *We are followers of Jesus, seeking the loving, just, and free world God imagines for all people.*

Strategic Mission Priorities – *Multiply Jesus followers. ... Champion children and youth. ... Maximize care and healing. ... Pursue and embrace diversity. ... Tell our story.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wanted: Your Favorite Hymns – We plan to incorporate favorite hymns into our worship during the summer months. Add your favorite to the list at church, give it to Cindy Thames, email to lakebwdfumc@gmail.com or text to 325-800-2450. It would be great to include a story or comment with your submission.

Mission Projects

- **Salvation Army** – fill book bags for back to school – **July 28th at 2pm**
- **Bangs Elementary School Supplies** – pick up a shopping list from the mission corner; also collecting back to school clothes
- **Served 15 families** served during July's Food Pantry
- **Collecting paper goods** for the August Food Pantry

Ongoing Ministry Opportunities

- **Sunday worship:** 10:30am; **Sunday School:** 9:30am
- **Women's Group** – 2:00 pm each second Monday. Next gathering: **August 10**
- **Tuesday Lunch & Levity** – **July 28** meet at Chic-Fil-A at 1pm then to Salvation Army to fill book bags
- **Bridge Community** – Monthly meeting each second Tuesday, 6pm.
Next meeting: **August 11**
- **3rd Wednesday Food Pantry** – 3:30-5:30 pm (Set up at 3:00 pm).
Next food pantry: **August 19**
- **Onboarding with Rev. Al Martin** – **August 30** – with lunch following worship service

WORSHIP GUIDE for July 26, 2026

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Beloved, this is the core of our faith: nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
Thanks be to God!

God's never-ending love surrounds us and calls us, assuring us that through God's love, all things will work together for God's good purposes.

Thanks be to God!

God's never-breaking love empowers us in the face of temptation, distress, division, and scarcity to hold onto our faith and work together for the flourishing of all God's good creation.

Thanks be to God!

Come, let us worship God who is Love, trusting that through joy and sorrow, happiness and despair, contentment and pain, Love will carry us through.

Thanks be to God who forms, connects, and guides us through Love. Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN** – *This Is the Day* UMH 657

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made.

Let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made

SILENT PRAYER

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

BLESSING OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

Prayer

***Doxology** – UMH 95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

***HYMN – To God Be the Glory** UMH 98

To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the
Son;

but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

OLD TESTAMENT READING -- 1 Kings 3:5-13

This is the Word of God Revealed

Thanks be to God

***HYMN – This Is My Father's World** UMH 144

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad.

***GOSPEL READING – Matthew 13:31-33**

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Romans 8:26-39

This is God's Word

Thanks be to God

SERMON “The Inseparable Love of God” Pastor Gerald Gilkey

BLESSING

***HYMN** – *Because He Lives* UMH 364

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus; he came to love, heal and forgive;
he bled and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my savior lives.

Refrain Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone;
because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives;
but greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days because he lives.

Refrain

And then one day I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain;
and then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns.

Refrain

***BENEDICTION/DISMISSAL**

References

TFWS – *The Faith We Sing*, copyright 2000, Abingdon Press

UMH – *The United Methodist Hymnal*, copyright 1989, The United Methodist Publishing House.

PRAYER LISTS as of July 23, 2026

Those in care centers: Linda Arther; Betty Cooper; Norma Jean Morgan; Virginia Fincher (Carolyn Dobbins' mother); all care facilities' residents and staff

Our world & community

- Peace to end unrest, conflict, & wars
- Our neighbors in need & those we serve
- Students, teachers, & school staff at all levels

Recent requests / updates (*bold print – new or updated*)

- **Reta Bell – fractured hip**
- **Melba Leonhard – fractured vertebrae**
- Velma Bryant, neighbor – ongoing health problems
- Johanna Gonzales and family
- Martha Graves – home from rehab
- Doc and Charlsye Dodson as they move to Granbury
- Amberlea, daughter of neighbor Carol Seward – compressed spinal disks & pressure on spinal cord
- Wendi Sarto, neighbor – health issues
- Daniel Morales, neighbor – health issues
- Chip Carpenter, nephew of Betty Martin – recovery from brain surgery & radiation treatments

- Shane, grandson of neighbor Carol Seward – a diabetic 16-year-old having medical tests
- **Finn, great grandson of Ann Baugh – home from the hospital, getting his strength back**
- Jim Summers, neighbor – health & mobility concerns
- Rick & Tara Lange – job opportunities

Pantry Prayers

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| • Mary Kay Brutger – siblings health | • My neighbor across the street |
| • Francine Cardenar – Lupita surgery | • All to be happy and healthy |
| • Shaunna Franke – daughters | • Billy Lee – get my life in order and ability to provide for myself |
| • James Maxted – prayers of thanks | • Dora Saucedo – in need of a job |
| • Terri Newton – injuries and moving | • John T. Summers – cancer |
| • Jim Summers – family health issues | • J.B. Allen - chemo |

Ongoing prayers – A.J. (Peacock's grandson); Betty Alvey (Steve Storm's sister); Arduini Family; Keith Baldwin (Ann Baugh's grandson); Brian Campbell; Tim Campbell; Lynda Dabbs; Hood & Jo Dendy; Patsy Delarosa (niece of the Dodsons); JoAnn Henderson (neighbor); Carolyn Jamar; Billy Lee; Ann Long; Carol Seward (neighbor); Taff Family members (neighbors); Donna & Alan Ulrich; Kathy Weatherford

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