

# B.A.S.I.C. BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

May 31, 2026



## PRE-SERVICE SONG

*My Promised Land*

Josiah Queen

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*It Is Well with My Soul*  
Ryan Largoza, piano

## CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 8)

Gathered in the name of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and blessed by God,

**we come to worship one, holy God.**

Our God, our own God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth.

**Your majesty is the music of the starry skies, yet even children of dust can sing your praises.**

In the name of the Healer, the Provider and the Enabler let your gratitude and joy be made known.

**Our God, our own God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth!**

*Written by Bruce Prewer*

## OPENING HYMN NO. 399

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Dear Heavenly Father, we come before you today to confess our failures as your family. You called us to love one another deeply, yet we often let pride, gossip, and division break our unity. We confess that we often judge our brothers and sisters rather than offering them your grace. We wear the name of Christ, but our actions towards our brothers and sisters often do not reflect your heart. We ask for your forgiveness and your guidance to lead us to treating our brothers and sisters in Christ with more grace, forgiveness, and love.**

## SIGNS OF PEACE AND UNITY IN CHRIST

## PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDERS

## LITANY

Sometimes the world uses the word "basic" to mean ordinary, unimportant, or not enough.

**But today, we reclaim the word.**

We are BASIC—

**We are Brothers And Sisters In Christ.**

Romans tells us: "Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor."

**We choose kindness, encouragement, and love.**

1 John reminds us: "We know love by this, that Jesus laid down his life for us."

**Real love can be costly.**

Hebrews tells us that Jesus is not ashamed to call us brothers and sisters.

**We belong to Christ, and we belong to one another.**

And Galatians declares: "There is no longer Jew or Greek... for all are one in Christ Jesus."

**Labels do not define us. Christ does.**

So maybe we are BASIC—

**Brothers And Sisters In Christ.**

And there is nothing ordinary about that kind of love. **Amen.**

## MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

SUNG RESPONSE No. 191, vs. 1 *Jesus Loves Me*

**Jesus loves me! This I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong;  
they are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

## SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:42-47

## CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

Introduction

Presentation of the Candidates

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Response of the Congregation

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care? **We will.**

Affirmation of Faith

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

Faith Statements

Emily Pike and Bruno Streit

Anointing with Oil and Laying on of Hands

Commendation and Welcome

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

## OFFERING

You may give your offering by using the QR code on your screen, at [umcwc.org](http://umcwc.org), through the mail, by automated giving through Realm, or by dropping it off at our office. Thank you for your generosity.

## OFFERTORY

*The Blood*

Bowe/Johnson/Wong

### ◆ OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and holy Ghost. Amen.**

### ◆ OFFERING PRAYER

## RECOGNITION OF YOUTH LEADERS

## CELEBRATION OF THE GRADUATES

*By Your Side* Ingram, Donehey, LaRue

## TIME OF PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

### ◆ CLOSING SONG

*My Lighthouse*

Llewellyn/Gilkeson

### ◆ BENEDICTION

Now, brothers and sisters in Christ, may the God of love and peace Himself be with you. Strive for restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, and live in peace. And may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, both now and forevermore. **Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

*Classic Sonatini*

Nancy Faber

Andi Hardin, piano

**Bold text indicates congregational response.**

### **Worship Participants**

Liturgists & Readers: CC Clark, Jill Joslin, Gabe Shappell Smith, Zeke Shappell Smith, Zach Lynn

Message for Growing Christians:

NanaYaa Atuahene & Andi Hardin

Praise Band: Jeannie Nelson, Emily Pike, Cory Smith, Steve Stouffer, Bruno Streit

Youth Director: Cory Smith

Live Stream Team: Tim Case, CC Clark,

Brad Rush, Jacqueline Rush, Cory Smith

Greeters/Ushers: Josh Joslin, Pete Rozea,

Tony Sims

## Education and Growth Opportunities

Regular Sunday School Classes resume in September.

### Summer Opportunities

Children's Sunday Fun Day (Rm 6, lower level) 9:15 AM  
Upper Room (Chapel) 11:00 AM  
Women's Bible Study Wednesdays at 9:30 AM  
(Resumes in September)

Men's Bible Study Wednesdays at 7:30 AM

Youth Group Contact Cory Smith (Cory@umcwc.org)  
to get emails about summer events

Pastor Jo Higgins Children's Library - Books for 1 year olds  
through teenagers. Located on the lower level.

## Connection and Sharing Opportunities

All Choirs resume in September.

Chancel Choir (Adults) Thursdays at 6:30 PM

Children's Choir Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Praise Team Wednesdays at 7:15 PM

Carillon Choir Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

Sunshine Memory Café Tuesdays at 1:00 PM

*A welcoming place for persons with memory loss and  
their care partner.*

Coffee With the Pastor 2nd Monday, 10 AM  
(Resumes in September)

Wednesday Night Out Dinner Wednesdays at 5:45 PM  
(Resumes in September)

Retired Men's Lunch Group 2nd Wednesday at 11:30 AM

United Women in Faith 1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM,  
Sept-May

*Circles meet at various times throughout the month.*

Web Dance 1st Sunday of each month,  
6:00 pm, Sept-May

*High school hosted themed dance party for adults with  
intellectual disabilities*

## Ongoing Opportunities for Growth, Fellowship, and Service

**Items for ACTnow** - We are collecting the following items  
that ACTnow is in need of for their community cupboard:  
shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, deodorant, dish soap,  
toothpaste, mouthwash, baby lotion/wash, all purpose  
cleaner, laundry pods, toilet paper,  
and paper towels. These are items that are not available  
at other food cupboards. Items can be placed at the  
table in the gathering area.

**Unused hotel toiletries needed** - Items go to Ronald  
McDonald House, Safe Harbor, and Salvation Army.  
Place items in the basket in the Gathering Area.

**Pop Tabs** - We are collecting pop tabs for Ronald McDonald  
House. These tabs are recycled to generate funds for  
local chapters, helping to pay for essential services and  
operating costs for families staying there. Pop tabs can  
be placed in the receptacle in the Gathering Area.

**Stephen Ministry** - Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one  
confidential lay caring ministry for people who are going  
through a tough time. If you would like more information  
about how one of our trained Stephen Ministers can walk  
with you during this time, contact Kelly Lynn  
(Kelly@umcwc.org).



### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Sophia Hnetinka

Emily Pike

Cecelia Rozea

Zeke Shappell Smith

Bruno Streit

### Bible Study 2025-2026

#### DISCIPLE 1 GRADUATES

Rev. Cyndi Stouffer, facilitator

Anne Holton, facilitator

Susan Beauchamp

Katie Price

Brett Davis

Tim Price

Stephanie Kelsch

Luanne Sims

Alix Kownurko

Brian Krug

Samantha Marquette

#### DISCIPLE 3 GRADUATES

Rev. Mercedes Case, facilitator

Sue Oliver, facilitator

Allison Horn

Brad Oliver

Craig Jester

Vince Paul

Carl Mancini

Jani Poh-Pike

Kendra Mancini

Kate Wright

Cheryl Monturo

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