

***“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here.”***



**The Eight Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2026**

WELCOME & CALL TO MINISTRY

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is". arr. Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God knows us better than we know ourselves.

People: Even in the darkest places, the light of God’s love is there.

Leader: There is nowhere we can flee from God’s presence.

People: In the heavens and in the depths, the Holy One abides with us.

Leader: We are God’s children, serving the Lord from generation to generation.

People: God is the one who keeps promises and provides for us wherever we go.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

GLORIA PATRI*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen, Amen.

HYMN*

#464 God of Grace and God of Glory, vs. 1, 4, 5

PRAYER OF INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Holy God, we come this day seeking renewal. Enliven our worship so that we may find your hope for our souls. Give us opportunities to connect with each other and with you more deeply. May we feel your creative spirit guiding us into the next steps of the journey. Give us the courage and confidence knowing that you are with us, calling us to be your loving people in the world. We pray in Jesus' name saying...

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Choral Response

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:12-25

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Call to Offering

Offertory

Holy Ground

Song of Presentation*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Prayer*

Holy Harvester, you have been planting seeds of blessing and provision for thousands of years. In gratitude for all You have done, we give you thanks and praise. For the work you have called us to accomplish in this season, we give our presence, gifts, and service. For the harvest yet to come, we pray for your direction that all we contribute may bring forth your fruitful bounty. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN*

#452 Here I Am, Lord

Church School children will process to the Parish House during the last verse.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Choral Response

SERMON

Living Our Faith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Choral Response

HYMN*

#562 Because He Lives, vs, 1, 3

BENEDICTION* - spoken and sung

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune". Nelson

**All are invited to stand in body or spirit*

Today's liturgy has been adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual and Ministry Matters.

THANK YOU

- **Shelby Behrens** - Acolyte
- **Gail Peck** - Deacon on Duty
- **Pam Cafiero** - Scripture Reader
- **Anne Olson and Alice Horrigan** - Ushers
- **Toni Sullivan** for being our guest organist today, standing in for Sarah Fay.
- **Pam Cafiero and Diane Taylor** for their gift of music at today's service.
- **To everyone** who chose our hymns today.
- **To everyone** who donated and helped with the Tag Sale on Saturday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Are Welcome Here: For your comfort, listening devices are available by the front doors of the church. Additionally, services are live streamed in the chapel, should you need to step out of the service for any reason. Simply turn on the TV. Please see a Deacon if you need assistance.

Coffee Hour: Please join us in the Taylor Room following today's worship.

The Deacons will meet following today's worship.

Women of the Bible Study Group will not meet Monday, July 20.

What happens when four Christmas carols are requested for our summer hymn singing? **Christmas in July**, of course! On **Sunday, July 26, 2026**, we will celebrate Christmas, out of season but never out of our hearts. Come and join us for this festive worship as we celebrate the birth of Jesus in the middle of the summer!

Lawn Mowing Sign-Up: We are still in need of volunteers to mow our church lawn this week and the weeks of July August 2 & August 16. Please sign up on the chart posted on the bulletin board located in the church lobby or email Carole at: czeigler@nmchurch.org.

Carole will be on vacation the weeks of July 27 and August 3. If you would like to add something to the July 26, August 2, or August 9 bulletins, please email czeigler@nmchurch.org no later than Monday, July 20.

If you are interested in making a donation, **Digital Giving** is available.

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