

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

arr. Cindy Berry

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

+ SENDING FORTH HYMN *I'll Fly Away*

TFWS 2282 *BLACK HYMNAL*

+ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Solid Rock

arr. Cindy Berry

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today 9:00-Coffee Café
11:00-Snack and Chat
Jul 6 10:00-Temple Golf
Jul 7 10:00-Temple Garden
Jul 8 12:30-Muskegon Methodist Ministries (Phillip Chapel)
Jul 10 10:00- Retired clergy group (pastor's office)
Jul 15 1:00-Supper House Representatives meeting (Parlor)
3:30-Mission for Area People board meeting
6:00-Clippers Baseball Game (sign-up sheet in hallway)
Jul 22 2:00-5:00- Supper House 26th Anniversary Picnic (Temple parking lot)
Aug 2 1:00-Temple Picnic at Jim Oslund's lake Michigan cottage

Thank you to today's worship leaders!

Liturgist- Cheryl Bowman
Song Leader- Gunnar Carlson
Projection & Visuals- Steve Neubauer/Carol Taylor/Bruce McLeod
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TEMPLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, July 5, 2026 PENTECOST 6

Each person is a beloved child of God. Temple United Methodist Church welcomes, affirms and invites everyone into the full life and ministry of our congregation regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, family or socioeconomic status, physical or mental ability, or faith history. Join us as we gather as one community, grow our faith, give our diverse gifts, and go into the world to advance the Reign of God.

“+” is an invitation to stand in body or in spirit, as each is able.

PRELUDE

Come Christians, Join to Sing

arr. John E. Coats

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On this Independence Day weekend, we gather to celebrate freedom, yet we acknowledge our deep need for one another and for God.

All: We are not made to walk alone; we are created for community.

One: Jesus says, "**Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.**" [Matthew 11:28]

All: We bring our heavy hearts, our national divisions, and our personal struggles, seeking true rest.

One: Christ invites us, "**Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart.**" [Matthew 11:29]

All: A yoke connects two together; we lay down isolated independence to be bound to Christ and to our neighbors.

One: For his yoke is easy, and his burden is light. [Matthew 11:30]

All: In holy interdependence, we share each other's burdens and find perfect freedom.

One: Let us worship the God who frees us to love and serve one another!

+ OPENING HYMN

UMH 577 *RED HYMNAL*
God of Grace and God of Glory

+ UNISON PRAYER

Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of freedom, yet we know we are created to be interdependent. Forgive us when we turn liberty into isolation. Jesus, we bring you our weary, heavy-laden hearts. We surrender the exhausting burden of total self-reliance. Today, we gladly take your gentle yoke upon us. Teach us to walk side-by-side with you and our neighbors. May our freedom be used to share each other's loads, so that all may find true rest for their souls. Amen.

+ PASSING THE PEACE

UMH 158 v. 1 *RED HYMNAL*

Come Christians Join to Sing

Please return to your pew when the music begins.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, as our nation marks 250 years of independence, we pause to examine our hearts. We confess the deep contradictions of our history and the ongoing fractures in our country. We celebrate our liberty, yet we admit how easily we turn freedom into selfish isolation. Jesus, two and a half centuries later, we are still weary from carrying the weight of deep divides. We have often hoarded our rights while ignoring our holy interdependence. Forgive us for choosing hostility over humility and defense over discipleship. Break our stubborn pride and heal this land we call home. Take our heavy burdens and teach us to take up your gentle, shared yoke, that we may truly become one people walking side-by-side. Amen.

Moment of silence

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news! Jesus says, "**Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.**" In Christ, the heavy weight of our sin is lifted. We are forgiven, set free, and knit back together into the family of God. Trust the truth of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 7: 15-25a

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 11: 28-30

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Happy Interdependence Day

Pastor Jeff

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE

Freely, Freely

UMH 389 *RED HYMNAL*

**TIME OF PRAYER, REFLECTION, AND GIVING
Prayers for the Community**

Prayers for the World

Sudan, Ebola crisis in eastern Congo, gun violence in Muskegon & Muskegon Heights, peace and the end to war, violent tactics of ICE agents, ICE agents and their families. Displaced families: immigrants and refugees, person who have lost their homes, safe passage and welcoming communities. Persecuted communities, peaceful protest, those experiencing food and water scarcity, crop failures and famine. Disaster recovery: earthquake in the Philippines, heatwaves across Europe, flooding across Asia and South America. War-torn nations: Gaza, Israel, Russia, Iran, Palestine, Ukraine, ceasefires and diplomatic solutions.

You are invited to speak the first names of those in your heart.

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Jeremiah 17: 14 NIV

"Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise."

After a time of silence, music will begin, at this time you are invited to bring your prayers to the altar and to light a candle as an outward expression of your prayer intention. If you are unable to stand or kneel, we invite you to ask another sitting near you to light a candle for you.

Giving- *During this time of prayer you are also welcome to bring your gifts to the boxes at the ends of the prayer rails*

Prayer Response

Spirit of the Living God

UMH 303 *RED HYMNAL*

Coffee Café! Join us for coffee, conversation, and community before worship—everyone is welcome! Table seating is located both in the café area and in the sanctuary. Feel free to bring your drink into the service. Whether you're a longtime member or a newcomer, it's a relaxing place to meet others, enjoy a beverage, and connect. ***"A cup of coffee shared with friends is happiness tasted."***

Temple Picnic at Lake Michigan: August 2nd 1:00 PM-Jim Oslund has graciously invited everyone to convene on the beautiful grounds of his Lake Michigan cottage for a picnic. Temple will provide hot dogs, buns, condiments, lemonade, and tableware. Suggested items to bring include chips, salads and desserts, etc. We plan to eat at 1:00 PM but guests are welcome to arrive earlier to socialize, swim and play games. Although plenty of seating is available you may want to bring your favorite lawn chair as well as swimsuits and towels. Note: some strenuous activity is required to traverse the bluff to access the beach and lake. We hope this will be a fun time to bond and grow together as a faith community. See you there #templestrong!

DIRECTIONS TO JIM OSLUND'S COTTAGE
6367 S. WHISKEY CREEK TRAIL
NEW ERA MI 49446
(231) 861-7760

Take US-31 north to exit 140: Stony Lake Road.
Turn left (west) on Stony Lake Road.
Take Stony Lake Road to the Stop sign at Scenic Drive. There will be a sign for Camp Miniwanca in front of you.
Turn left (south) onto Scenic Drive. Take Scenic Drive for about 2 miles. The road will dip and as you come up from the dip, there will be a white farmhouse. Just past the farmhouse, turn right onto S. Whiskey Creek Trail, a one lane dirt trail. There is a sign for S. Whiskey Creek. (If you come to the Township Park, you went too far.) Follow S. Whiskey Creek where it curves to the left and look for number 6367 at the end of the driveway.



GIVING- There are multiple ways to give- in person, mail, online- www.templeumcmuskegon.com or scan the code with your

phone's camera and click the link VANCO ©



Mission for Area People...

Socks and underwear are essential needs for comfort and dignity and are the most requested—yet least donated—clothing items at shelters and clothing pantries. Mission for Area People is experiencing a great need for both. We have no men's underwear! The sizes needed are Men's MED, LARGE, XL and 2XL. Ladies underwear sizes LARGE and XL and Girls size SMALL. We also need SOCKS in every size. Thank you so much for all your support!



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