

SHEPHERD'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Worship
August 23, 2026

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Keith Ritchie

PRELUDE/LIGHTING OF CANDLES Pianist
Acolyte

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 103

*HYMN UMH #110 A Mighty Fortress To Our God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
(Silent Prayer of Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN UHM #177 He is Lord, He is Lord

ANTHEM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*SCRIPTURE Mark 6:1-13

MESSAGE "AN OFFENSIVE JESUS" Pastor Keith Ritchie

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH #880 THE NICENE CREED

OFFERING – GIVING OF TITHES AND GIFTS – DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN UMH #545 The Church's One Foundation

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Keith Ritchie

PROSTLUDE

PRAYER CONCERNS: Pastor Keith and Family, The Family of Dillon Erwin, Louie Littlepage, Shirley Crim, Maria Fortune, Crystal Davis, Pat Baldwin, John Moore, Bradley Brown and daughter Ashley, Lindsey Fortune, Donna Nevers, Ryland Woodland, Woodland Family, John Mark Taylor, Flora Scott, Cathy Thompson, Ernest Longest, Carolyn Schools, Welford Cooke, Shirley Elliott, Debbie Ware, Tom Farmer, Amanda Smith, Gloria Lantz, Bobby Wharton, Ila Atkins, Agnes Owens, Unspoken Prayers, Wayland Smith, Aiden Patton, Believers, Nation & Church Leadership, Our Military.

CHOIR PRACTICE – Will be held on **Thursday, August 27th at 6:30 p.m.**

BIBLE STUDY/SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – The insert has the information for the current Bible Study Lesson for Sunday, August 30th.

FALL BIBLE STUDY/SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – "FAITH AND FAITHFULNESS" - Bible Study meets 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. each Sunday. We will begin a new study series for the Fall on **Sunday, September 20th** titled "Faith and Faithfulness". This series examines what it truly means to live by faith and how do we remain faithful when life makes that difficult? Please join us as we take this 3-month journey to examine what Scripture reveals about living a faith-rooted life. John Wilson or Marybeth Tate will be happy to answer any questions regarding our Bible Study program.

WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT FOR THE KING AND QUEEN FOOD PANTRY. YOUR GENEROSITY IS APPRECIATED! The next collection for the King and Queen Food Pantry will be **Sunday, August 30, 2026. Per Velma Wharton, everything is really appreciated and has been great help to people in the community. King and Queen Food Pantry is very appreciative of Shepherds support and dedication to this mission.**