

SHEPHERD'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Worship

July 26, 2026

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Keith Ritchie

PRELUDE/LIGHTING OF CANDLES Pianist
Acolyte

*GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN UMH #144 This is My Father's World

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN #405 Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

ANTHEM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*SCRIPTURE Matthew 13-31, 44-52

MESSAGE "*PARABLES OF KINGDOM OF HEAVEN*" Pastor Keith Ritchie

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH #882 THE APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERING – GIVING OF TITHES AND GIFTS – DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN UMH #572

Pass It On

*BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Pastor Keith Ritchie

PRELUDE

PRAYER CONCERNS: Pastor Keith and Family, Pastor Steve and Family, J. W. Mundy, Bradley Brown and daughter Ashley, Lindsey Fortune, Maria Fortune, Donna Nevers, Ryland Woodland, Woodland Family, John Mark Taylor, Flora Scott, Cathy Thompson, Aaron Woodfin, Ernest Longest, Jerry Whitlock, Vicki Martin, Carolyn Schools, Welford Cooke, Shirley Elliott, Debbie Ware, Tom Farmer, Amanda Smith, Pat Baldwin, Gloria Lantz, Crystal Davis, 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, July 30th at 6:30 p.m.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – After Worship Service, join us for refreshments, fellowship, and Sunday School Class. The insert has the information for the Sunday School Lesson for **Sunday, August 2nd.**

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.**