

SHEPHERD'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Worship

August 30, 2026

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Keith Ritchie

PRELUDE/LIGHTING OF CANDLES Pianist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN UMH #99 To God be the Glory

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN UHM #141 Children of the Heavenly Father

ANTHEM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*SCRIPTURE Roman 8:26-39

MESSAGE "IF GOD IS FOR US ..." Pastor Keith Ritchie

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH #883

OFFERING – GIVING OF TITHES AND GIFTS – DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN UMH #77 How Great Thou Art

*BENEDICTION Pastor Keith Ritchie

PRAYER CONCERNS: Pastor Keith and Family, The Family of Wesley Smith, Louie Littlepage, Ida Atkins, Chandra Clayton, Andrew & Hailey Butler, 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, Agnes Owens, Unspoken Prayers, Wayland Smith, Aiden Patton, Believers, Nation & Church Leadership, Our Military.

OPEN HEART SUNDAY – **TODAY** is Open Heart Sunday. The Open-Heart Box is in the Foyer. Donations that are received will be used to recognize members and their family during times of birth, death and hospitalization, a token of sympathy and thoughtfulness with either gift cards, flowers, fruit baskets, or a memorial (favorite charity). Any donations are appreciated.

CHOIR PRACTICE – No Choir Practice this week.

BIBLE STUDY/SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – The insert has the information for the current Bible Study Lesson for Sunday, September 6th.

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, September 27, 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.**