

Order of Worship
Friendship United Methodist Church
Sunday, August 9, 2026

If you are new to the Friendship family and would like to share further in the life of the church, please complete the "Welcome" card in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate.

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Gathering
Greeting/Announcements

"This Is The Day"

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 85

L: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

P: *Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.*

L: The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

P: *Righteousness will go before him
and will make a path for his steps.*

All: *O Come, let us worship the Lord!*

*** Opening Prayer**

***Hymn of Praise & Celebration**

CWH #110

"He Keeps Me Singing"

*There's within my heart a melody,
Jesus whispers sweet and low:
"Fear not, I am with thee; peace, be still,"
in all of life's ebb and flow.*

*Refrain:
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus—
sweetest name I know,*

*fills my ev'ry longing,
keeps me singing as I go.*

*All my life was wrecked by sin and strife;
discord filled my heart with pain.
Jesus swept across the broken strings,
stirred the slumb'ring chords again. [Refrain]*

*Feasting on the riches of His grace,
resting 'neath His shelt'ring wing,
always looking on His smiling face—
that is why I shout and sing. [Refrain]*

*Though sometimes He leads through waters deep,
trials fall across the way,
though sometimes the path seems rough and steep,
see His footprints all the way. [Refrain]*

*Soon He's coming back to welcome me
far beyond the starry sky.
I shall wing my flight to worlds unknown,
I shall reign with Him on high. [Refrain]*

***Affirmation of Faith**

UMH #883

*We are not alone,
we live in God's world.*

We believe in God:

*who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.*

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

*to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,*

*our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.*

***Gloria Patri**

UMH # 70

Scripture Reading

Mark 6:34-44

As [Jesus] went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

L: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

P: *Thanks be to God!*

Offertory

Linda Pease

***The Doxology**

UMH # 95

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him, above ye heavenly host*

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Kids' Time

Rev. Spore

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns/Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

During this time, the congregation is invited to offer up their concerns for others by speaking their name or by typing their name into the "chat" box on Facebook. Please offer only their first name to protect their privacy. After each name is raised, let the congregation respond:
"Lord, hear our prayer."

Hymn of Celebration

CWH # 94

"God Will Take Care of You"

*Be not dismayed whate'er betide;
God will take care of you.
Beneath His wings of love abide;
God will take care of you.*

Refrain:

*God will take care of you,
through ev'ry day, o'er all the way.
He will take care of you;
God will take care of you.*

*Through days of toil when heart doth fail,
God will take care of you.
When dangers fierce your path assail,
God will take care of you. [Refrain]*

*All you may need He will provide;
God will take care of you.
All strength you need will be supplied;
God will take care of you. [Refrain]*

*No matter what may be the test,
God will take care of you.
Lean, weary one, upon His breast;
God will take care of you. [Refrain]*

Hymn of Preparation

FWS #2005

“Sanctuary”

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.*

Message

Rev. Spore

*“Providing a Home”
Today's mission focus is **The Market Depot**.
Visit their website at*

<https://grandcentralsherman.com/giving/the-green-house>

Hymn of Discipleship

CWH #84

“Since Jesus Came Into My Heart”

*What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought
since Jesus came into my heart!
I have light in my soul for which long I had sought,
since Jesus came into my heart.*

Refrain:

*Since Jesus came into my heart,
since Jesus came into my heart,
floods of joy o'er my soul like sea billows roll,
since Jesus came into my heart.*

*I have ceased from my wand'ring and going astray
since Jesus came into my heart!
And my sins which were many are all washed away,
since Jesus came into my heart. [Refrain]*

*I'm possessed of a hope that is steadfast and sure,
since Jesus came into my heart!
And no dark clouds of doubt now my pathway obscure,
since Jesus came into my heart. [Refrain]*

*There's a light in the valley of death now for me,
since Jesus came into my heart;
And the gates of the city beyond I can see,
since Jesus came into my heart. [Refrain]*

*I shall go there to dwell in that city I know,
since Jesus came into my heart;
And I'm happy, so happy, as onward I go,
since Jesus came into my heart. [Refrain]*

Benediction

Opportunities for Involvement and Ministry

Each Sunday

9:50 – Sunday School

11:00 – Worship

Each Wednesday

10:00 – Friendship Crafters

Looking Ahead – August 30

We welcome Rev. Dr. John McLarty as the new Superintendent of the Mid-North District and are excited about the leadership he brings to us as we join in prayers with and for him.

On August 30 at 3:00 pm we will join with the other churches of the district at Grace UMC to install him and offer our blessings. John will also be with us that morning for worship as our guest preacher and then share our covered dish lunch!

Worship Leaders

Rev. Roy Spore – Pastor

Willies Ballou – Guest Music leader

Linda Pease – Pianist

Karen Spore – Technical Assistant

Janie Epperly – Lay Reader

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