



**Crooks Memorial  
United Methodist Church**  
September 3, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Serving In Worship Today

Ushers/Greeters: Glenda Jantz & Debbie Kosek

A/V Coordinator: Allen Conway

Stream Team: Jim Pile, Pete Prokup, Kasey Landis,  
Bill Diggs, and Mark Cooper

For Announcements and News

Refer to our weekly E-news, Church Website and/or Facebook page. You can subscribe to the E-news via the Connection Card or Church Website. If you do not have email access, contact the church office to be placed on our mailing list.

**Our Mission:**

To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the  
Transformation of the World

**Our Vision:**

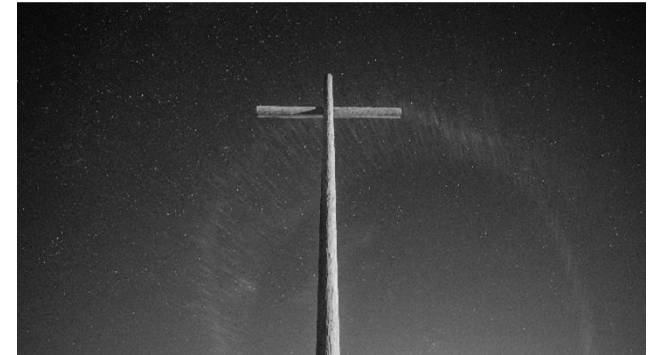
Making Space for God and Others

**Our Values:**

Worship ✝ Faith ✝ Family ✝ Hospitality

Rev. B. Sung, Pastor  
Rev. Sue Hauptert-Johnson – Bishop  
Rev. Charles F. Ledlum-Bates –  
Mission Rivers District Superintendent  
Betty Warren – Dir. of Music Ministries  
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**Welcome to Worship**

**Cell phone and electronic devices:**

Please set to silence.

**Connection Card:** Helps us know you are here and helps you engage. Please complete and place it in the offering plate.

**Hard of hearing or sight:**

Large print hymnals and listening devices are available from an usher.

**We love children in worship!**

Worship Bags and books are located in the narthex. However, if needed, our staffed nursery is available for those five and under. Ask an usher for directions.

**We record worship:** As a ministry to those unable to be present, our worship service is livestreamed, recorded, and posted to our website and social media sites.

**Bold print** indicates a congregational/unison reading.

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>“Come, O Come”</i> Julia Cooper, Soloist	Anonymous
<b>Welcome</b>		Vennie Lulofs
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>“Now Thank We All Our God”</i>	UMH 102
<b>*Call to Worship</b>	Give thanks to the Lord. <b>Call on God’s holy name.</b> Sing praises to the Lord. <b>Tell of God’s wondrous deeds.</b> Let the faithful sing of the Lord’s awesome power. <b>Let the hearts of the faithful rejoice.</b> Give thanks to the Lord. <b>Call on God’s holy name. Amen.</b>	
<b>Prayers of the People &amp; the Lord’s Prayer</b>		Rev. B. Sung
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>“He Lives”</i>	UMH 310
<b>Scripture</b>	Exodus 3:1-15 (Pew Bible O.T. 48) Romans 16:21-28 (Pew Bible N.T. 155) The Word of God for the People of God. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	Vennie Lulofs Vennie Lulofs
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>“Shepherd of Love”</i> Julia Cooper, Soloist	Tim Shepard
<b>Scripture</b>	Matthew 16:13-28 (Pew Bible N.T. 17)	Rev. B. Sung
<b>Message</b>	<i>“Losing Life For Christ to Gain It”</i>	Rev. B. Sung
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>“Where He Leads Me”</i>	UMH 338
<b>Communion</b>	<i>All are invited to the table</i>	UMH 12-15
<b>The Great Thanksgiving</b>		UMH 13
<b>Music During Communion</b>	<i>“Wondrous Love”</i> Betty Warren, Piano Solo	Leon McKelvin

### **Offertory Prayer**

God of power and might: We, like Peter, struggle with the image of a savior sent to suffer and die. We may seem to be doing great in following Christ, but we, too, stumble at this point. Perhaps we stumble because we know that what follows is Christ’s call to us to deny ourselves and pick up a cross of our own in order to follow. As we bring gifts for the work of building Your Kingdom, helps us to learn to deny, carry, and follow. In Christ’s holy name, we pray. Amen.

<b>Offertory</b>	<i>“Trust and Obey”</i>	UMH 467
<b>*Doxology</b>		UMH 95
<b>*Benediction</b>		Rev. B. Sung
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”</i> Verse 1 & Chorus	UMH 672