

SUNDAY WORSHIP

July 19, 2026 ~ 10:30am

Mission Statement: As a community of faith, we welcome all who seek understanding. • As a community of hope, we offer friendship and comfort to those in need. • As a community of love, we provide caring support and shared fellowship to all

WE ARE A COMMUNITY CHURCH. OUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND MEMBERS COME FROM MANY PLACES AND MULTIPLE FAITH TRADITIONS. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO FIND A SPIRITUAL SANCTUARY HERE.

— ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME —

ORGAN *William Hall*

CENTERING MUSIC *Sharon Novak*

CALL TO WORSHIP *United Methodists' Rising Strong Liturgy*

One: God of love and compassion,

People: There are times when we doubt
that situations will improve
in the world or in our personal lives.

One: Help us, Lord,

People: To put on patience for your work to be done
in us and around us.

One: Let us witness:

People: Your power, compassion, and faithfulness
in ways we have not known before.

One: Deepen our faith,

All: *So that your light will grow in us as witnesses in the world. We thank you for your mercy and grace.
Amen.*

*SONG #21 *All People that on
Earth Do Dwell* *Sharon Novak*

— PRAYING —

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

LORD'S PRAYER — Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine
is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever. *Amen.*

ORGAN *William Hall*

— REFLECTING —

SCRIPTURE *Acts 13:1-4 & Acts 15:1-21*

MESSAGE CONFLICT:
THEN AND NOW *Rev Gail Doktor*

*SONG #477 *God of Grace and
God of Glory* *Sharon Novak*

— OFFERING —

OFFERING *Deacons*

*SONG 44 *Doxology* *Sharon Novak*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

— CLOSING —

SONG

May the love of God live in us today, may the love of God live in us today.

May the warmth we feel within us show in all we do and say.

May the love of God live in us today.

May the peace of God be with us today,

May the peace of God be with us today.

May it guide us and protect us, as we go our separate ways.

May the peace of God be with us, May the love of God live in us,

May the love of God shine through us today.

BENEDICTION *Rev Gail Doktor*

PRAVERS

For PEOPLE: Alex A., Alexis, Allison, Ana, Annie, Ariana, Ashley family, Bette D., Bill M., Bob C., Bob G., Brianna & baby Addie, 'Doc' G. & Cindi G., Cindy K., Corky, Deb L., Hannah, Huntley, Jenn, Jess, Joanne's parents, Kailee, Karen, Kate & Rusty, Larry, Liberty, Mary, baby Miles, Mike, Nancy, Nat & baby June, baby Noelle, Rob, Ruth, Sascha, Steve, Sue D., Tom, and baby Quinn N. For those serving as first responders, for those serving on the front lines of public health and safety, for those deployed and on active military duty. For our leaders. For those grieving. Our adversaries and enemies.

For PLACES: For Chikanga Church in Mutare, Zimbabwe and communities in Honduras. For hurting places in the world, wounded by natural disasters or human-made causes and conflicts.

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Scripture pg. 1

ACTS 13: 1-4

Barnabas and Saul Sent Off—Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “*Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.*” Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

Barnabas and Saul on Cyprus—So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they ... sailed ...

ACTS 15:1-21

The Jerusalem Council— But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “*Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.*”

And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question. So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them. But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, “*It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses.*”

The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter.

Scripture pg. 2

And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “*Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.*”

And all the assembly fell silent, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.

After they finished speaking, James replied, “*Brothers, listen to me. Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name. And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written,*

“After this I will return, and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will restore it, that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who are called by my name, says the Lord, who makes these things known from of old.” Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God, but should write to them to abstain from the things polluted by idols, and from sexual immorality, and from what has been strangled, and from blood. For from ancient generations Moses has had in every city those who proclaim him, for he is read every Sabbath in the synagogues.”