

**Ministers:** The congregation of Christ United Methodist Church  
**Pastors:** Michael Wuehler, Amanda Larsen, David Lieder, Nancy Wheeler Handlon  
**Children and Family Ministries Coordinator:** Jenny Gunter  
**Director of Music/Organist:** Richard D. Owen  
**Coordinator of Handbell Choirs:** Deedee Odell  
**Parish Nurses:** Patricia Hrabe and Ann Loth  
**Children's worship bags and bulletins** are in the narthex.

**Welcome Center:** Ann Loth and Betty Christensen  
**Greeters:** Ginny Stauber, Karen Eikenhorst, Helen and Christy Olsen  
**Fellowship Coffee:** Henry and Ardy Bartel  
**Sound Booth: 9:00** Sandy Shirk Heath and Lad Roering  
**11:15** Matt Fiscus, Chris J. Popp  
**Front desk reception:** Marie Alexander

**Nursery care** for under age five is available in Rooms 135 and 137 in the upper east hall.

**Next Week's Lectionary:** 2 Samuel 6: 1-5; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

**Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Delma Clarey-St. John and Bob St. John.** The 9:00 a.m. service airs Sundays at 11:30 am on KOLM radio, 1520AM. Please use the chart in the Commons by the Sanctuary doors to sign up for a radio broadcast, or you can sign up in the church office.

### *What do an apple, a lion, and a wizard have in common?*

Find out at the "Christians and Fantasy" class!  
Thursdays, July 9-30, 5:30-6:30 pm

This class will look at reading fantasy books from Christian perspectives. Christian responses have been very diverse as they've read, loved, and rejected various books. Join us as we talk fantasy. . . Harry Potter, Narnia, and even Twilight. This will be an intergenerational class, families are encouraged to participate together. You don't need to have read the books to participate, but some plot spoilers may be included in the discussions.



**Worship Hours:**  
8:00am – Worship and Communion in the Chapel  
9:00am – Worship in the Sanctuary  
11:15am – Emergent Worship in the Education Conference Center

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**July 5, 2009**

**9:00 am**

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE Festival Prelude on the *OLD HUNDREDTH* arr. Fred Bock

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Ken Bauman, Lay Leader

### \*HYMN OF GATHERING

(UMH) No. 698 – God of the Ages

*NATIONAL HYMN*

### \*OPENING PRAYER

rom Psalm 48

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!

**We gather to praise our God. We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. This is God, our God, forever and ever. This is our God who in wisdom guides us each day. This is our God who comforts our sorrows and knows our frustrations. This is our God who in steadfast love forgives us again and again as we fail to be the people we are called to be. This is God, our God, forever and ever.**

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

**This is God, our God, forever and ever. May we be open to God's wisdom, comfort, and steadfast love.**

**\*ACT OF PRAISE**

(FWS) No. 2043 – Alleluia

CELTIC ALLELUIA

*(During the singing, all children are invited to come to the Chancel steps  
for the pastor's time with children.)*

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

**THE 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

SHARING OUR GIFTS, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Novelettes: No. 1 Modéré sans lenteur  
**Jane Drennan, pianist**

Francis Poulenc

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

UMH No. 94

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**TO HEAR AND CELEBRATE GOD'S WORD**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION**

(UMH) No. 437 – This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-11

GOOD NEWS FOR TODAY

**“Freedom, Free Will and Faith”**

**Pastor Amanda Larsen**

**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*This is the Lord's Table. All who respond to the invitation are welcome.  
It is our tradition to serve grape juice so that all may partake freely.  
Gluten free bread is also available.*

The Invitation

The Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Music during Communion

Fantasy in C, Op. 17: III. Sostenuto

Robert Schumann

**Jane Drennan, pianist**

**AND TO BE SENT FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*HYMN OF SENDING FORTH**

(UMH) No. 696 – America the Beautiful

MATERNA

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

David German

*Thank you for being with us in worship this morning.  
Please join us for worship again next week.*

**Calendar of Events:  
July 5 – July 12**

**Sunday, July 5**

7:45 am-12:15 Childcare, birth to 18 months-Room 135  
7:45-12:15 Childcare, 15 months to 5 years-Room 137  
**8:00 Worship and Communion - Chapel**  
**9:00 Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary**  
9:00 Adult Bible Study-Adult Library  
**10:00 Parish Nurse – Family Room**  
10:15 Age 3 – Pre-K Sunday school – Room 133  
10:15 K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday school – Room 32  
10:15 Inquiring Spirits – Hamline II  
10:15 Contemporary Issues – Room 146  
**11:15 Emergent Worship – ECC**  
**Monday, July 6**  
5:30 pm Covenant Disciple Group – Homes  
7:00 Young Adult Ministry – Whistle Binkies North  
7:30 Boy Scouts – Wesley Hall  
**Tuesday, July 7**  
8:00 am Covenant Disciple Group – Family Room  
12:20 pm Tuesday Noonday Piano Recital - Sanctuary  
5:30 Men's Covenant Disciple Group – Adult Library  
7:00 Community Bible Study Leader's Prayer – Room 145

**Wednesday, July 8**

5:15 pm Fellowship Dinner – Wesley Hall  
6:00 Summer Wednesday Worship – ECC  
7:00 Young Adult Mission Information Meeting – ECC  
7:00 Power and Light – Room 38  
**Thursday, July 9**  
7:00 am Men's Discussion Group – Room 145  
8:00 Covenant Disciple Group – Family Room  
4:30 pm Hospitality – Mettam  
5:30 Christians and Fantasy – Room 145

**Friday, July 10**

10:00 am Rug Hooking – Room 146  
7:00 pm Taizé Service - Chapel

**Saturday, July 11**

9:00 am ASP Service Practice - Sanctuary  
11:00 am Saturday Noon Meals Social Hour and Snacks – Wesley Hall  
12:00 pm Saturday Noon Meals Family Style Meal – Wesley Hall

**Sunday, July 12** (See Sunday, July 5)

**ASP will be included in all the Services**

10:15 am Forum – Heather Nielson talks about Guatemala  
5:00 pm Youth Band - ECC

It's time to start preparing for the next **Young Adult Mission trip to Guatemala**. Plans have begun for a project January 1-10, 2010. An information meeting will be held July 8 at 7:00 pm in the ECC. Questions? Contact Pastor Amanda, 289-4019, or email [Amanda@cumethodist.com](mailto:Amanda@cumethodist.com).

**July 8, at Fairway Ridge, 11:30 am**, Potluck dinner for combined membership of the Senior Breakfast group, Circle 1 UMW members and CUMC Double Club members. Bring a "Dish" and your own table service. Beverage will be provided. There will be no Senior Breakfast at Holiday Inn July 8.

**Taizé Service – Friday, July 10, 7:00 pm in the Chapel.**

This is a service of  
*Prayer • Singing • Meditation •  
Candlelight*  
**Everyone welcome!**

**Forum – July 12, 10:15 am.** The speaker will be Heather Nielson, who will be leaving August 15 for a two year stay as a volunteer nurse in medical mission in Guatemala. Heather will be working with a non-profit organization called International Hands in Service for Project Health and Peace.

**Our Neighborhood Party will be held July 19** from 4:30-6:30 pm. Worship will follow at 6:30 on the labyrinth. This is an important ministry that allows us to meet our neighbors. Sign up to **volunteer** or make a **donation** to the party in the Commons on Sunday July 5 and July 12. Thank you!

**Articles for the August Spirit** are due in the office no later than July 13. Call Sheila, 289-4019, ext 102 or email articles to [sheila@cumethodist.com](mailto:sheila@cumethodist.com)

**Tuesday Noonday Piano Recital!**  
July 7, 12:20 – 12:50pm in the Sanctuary

**Horacio Nuguid, DMA**  
Music of Albéniz  
Admission is free!