

PRELUDE Wesley Knust

WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Brian Steele

HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* UMH #400

CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from Anita Monro Barbara Walker

Leader: Seeking One, you are the beginning and the end of our search.

**People: Let us see you.**

Leader: Finding One, you are the alpha and omega of all discovery.

**People: Let us seek no one else.**

Leader: Asking One, you are the voice and the silence of our exploration.

**People: Let us listen to you.**

Leader: Giving One, you are the fullness and the emptiness of all yearning.

**People: Let us trust you.**

Leader: Persistent One, you never abandon your search for us, nor tire of our repetitive to-ings and fro-ings.

**People: Let us follow you.**

Leader: Receiving One, you endlessly welcome us home, and spread before us a feast in the face of our constant requests for mere morsels of bread.

**People: Let us rest in you.**

**ALL: Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER Barbara Walker

Lord Jesus, we confess that more often than not we listen to unhelpful voices. We go left when you desire us to go right. We try to lift ourselves up, when your way is down below us. We pray for Your Spirit to open our eyes so that we can your people more faithfully. Give us disciplined spirits that stay on your path and do not give into the distractions of our world. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Redeemed* Jill Burress and Wesley Knust  
By Big Daddy Weaver

HYMN *Open My Eyes, That I May See* UMH #454

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Julia Hanson

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 7:15-20 Barbara Walker

Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON Faith at the Movies: Deception in Plain Sight Rev. Steele

OFFERTORY INVITATION Barbara Walker

(WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY. PLEASE, GIVE LIKE IT MATTERS, BECAUSE IT DOES.)

- Please place your Connect Cards in the offering plate along with any financial gifts you wish to give.

OFFERTORY PRAYER OF DEDICATION Barbara Walker

OFFERTORY MUSIC Wesley Knust

\*SUNG PRAISE Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #94

COMMUNITY PRAYER Pastor Bea Fraser-Soots

LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

**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.**

WAYS TO CONNECT Rev. Steele

HYMN *Lord, I Want to be a Christian* UMH #402

SENDING: **Go and love God and neighbor with truth and grace!** Rev. Steele

POSTLUDE Wesley

### PRAYERS

**General:** All conflicts globally and domestically, all our interfaith siblings

**Gratitude:** Kind spouses, growing children and families, helpful neighbors, God's beautiful creation

**Health:** Ben and Allison, Louellen, Julian, Cameron, Lily W, Olivia, Nikki, Kali Imus, Tony Tulgetske, James Lanstra, Hooley Fiwig, Sean Mullan, Bernie Shaw, Claudette Howell

**Cancer:** Amy G (friend of Paula M), Janice, Pat (Sandy R's cousin), Dakota and her parents Leslie and Kevin, Dawn McCourt, Michael Jackson, David Shultz

**Condolences:** The families of Denise Ruff, David O'Shea (Cathy Kwasky's brother) Ethel Shapiro, Ruth Yuill, Dean Koppin, Beth Ellis, Judith Young Mayo, Peter Kalakailo, Bob Cook, those who have lost somebody to fentanyl overdose, families and everyone amidst their grief.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Church Office Hours: Tuesday 11 a.m. & Wednesday 12 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m. Fun @ First

Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. Founder's Fest – Blessing of the Pets

Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>

9 a.m. – 12 noon Rummage Sale Drop off

4:00 p.m. Founder's Fest – Blessing of the Pets

6:00 p.m. Paula Mullan/Euchre

Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. Worship/SS Coffee Hour follows

5:00 p.m. Detroit Chin Baptist Church

**YOU ARE A BLESSING FROM GOD:** We grateful for all our guest, let us know you are here. Please scan the QR code to complete a: **CONNECTION CARD**



**PASTOR OFFICE HOURS:** Brian is available in the office Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10-3:00. He is also available by phone at 269-274-0029 every day except Friday.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

July 12<sup>th</sup> August 2<sup>nd</sup> August 9<sup>th</sup> August 23<sup>rd</sup> September 13<sup>th</sup> October 4<sup>th</sup> December 6<sup>th</sup> are open to honor your loved one. @ \$30.00 [office@farmingtonfumc.org](mailto:office@farmingtonfumc.org)

### RUMMAGE SALE

Friday October 12<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. – 12 noon  
Set up begins on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> after worship – See Paula to sign up.

**DROP OFF Saturdays:** July 18<sup>th</sup> & August 29<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. – 12 noon



- 3<sup>rd</sup> Andrea Schroeder,
- 4<sup>th</sup> Ken Berry, Emerson Phillips, Reece Phillips
- 4<sup>th</sup> Finnegan Riley, 5<sup>th</sup> Megan Mohr, 9<sup>th</sup> Sam Carnell
- 14<sup>th</sup> Judith Smith, 14<sup>th</sup> Pamela Clancy, Pamela Lodge
- 15<sup>th</sup> Phyllis Anderson, 16<sup>th</sup> Benjamin Hanson, 17<sup>th</sup> Joy Wilson
- 18<sup>th</sup> Oliver Steele, 31<sup>st</sup> Kaylin Montgomery

- 1<sup>st</sup> Michael & Cathy Kwasky,
- 7<sup>th</sup> Mark & Marianna Barrons,
- 31<sup>st</sup> Patrick & Jodi Imus



Did you know...we need you (yes YOU!) at Founders Fest this weekend if you're available to be an ambassador for our church at our booth. Sign up to volunteer at coffee hour or online via our website.



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### OUR MISSION

To welcome and connect all people with God through relevant discipleship and service.

Here is a quick update from Michael Weddell, your Head Treasurer. These updates will focus on donations from identified givers, the portion of the budget that you, the congregation, controls. These figures include donations received through Sunday offerings, by PayPal and other electronic means, and through checks mailed to the church:

	Donations from Identified Givers		
	Budget	Actual	Difference
	2026	2026	
May 2026	\$15,878	\$17,754	\$1,876
YTD 2026	\$111,119	\$122,857	\$11,738

Look at that! Another giving month above our budget! You gave \$1,876 more than expected during May, bringing our year-to-date total to \$11,738 more than we budgeted. Thank you, church family, for your financial support.

Extra donations are especially helpful because our 2026 budget plans that our general fund will have a \$35,475.82 deficit. More details about our church’s finances are posted on a bulletin board in the basement in the hallway leading to Wesley Hall.

