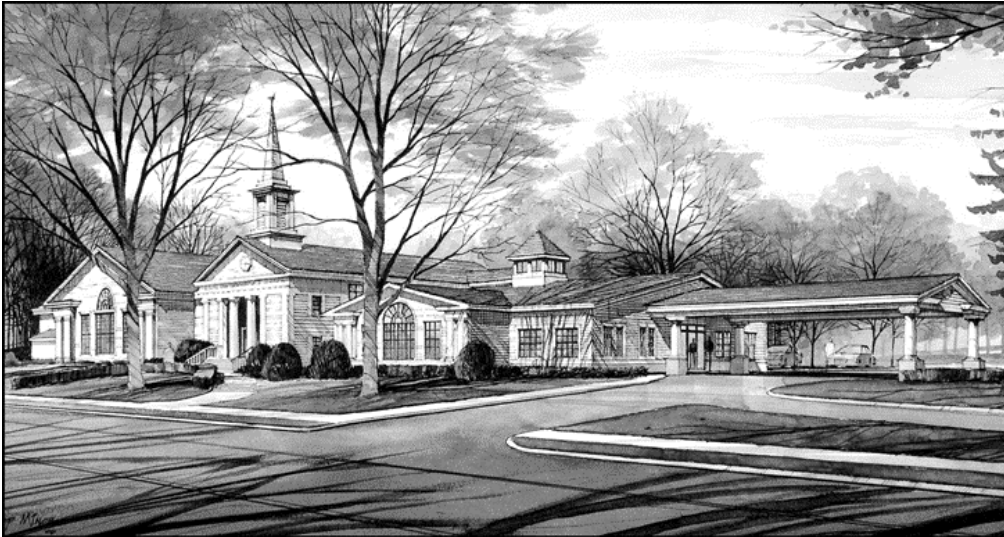




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engaged in compassionate service.***



***July 12, 2026***

**9:30 a.m. Worship Service**

*Live Streaming on Facebook plus On Demand on YouTube*

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## Order of Service

\*Please rise in body or spirit

**Prelude**

*At Length There Dawns the Glorious Day*

James Mansfield

**Greetings**

**\*Call to Worship**

Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

**Your word is our heritage forever, the joy of our hearts.**

**\*Hymn #15**

*All Creatures of Our God and King (vs. 1-4)*

**\*Invitation to Confession**

The Scriptures are shot through with stories of people just like us: men who grieved, women who questioned, siblings who did not get along, parents who chose favorites. God's word of grace is meant for people just like us. There is no need for pretense in this place. Let us go to God in prayer.

**\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**Patient and persistent God, we come, polished and presentable, to this comfortable room as if we knew what to expect, as if this were a safe and predictable place, as if we could simply observe. Holy One, forgive our tepid expectations. In the mystery of your love, overshadow us. Plant the seeds of your gospel in each of our hearts until we bloom and spill with your passion to serve in a world that is wasting. Amen.**

*(A moment for silent confession)*

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The Spirit of God dwells in you. If you hear nothing else today, hear these words: there is no condemnation.

In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

Be kind to one another, and tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.** (Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you saying

"Peace be with you".)

**Children's Time**

**Announcements**

**Prayer for Illumination**

God of life, by the power of your Spirit come to us now. Plow our hearts with your living Word until we who are broken become fertile with your love, for we long to bear fruit in a world that is wasting. We pray in the name of Jesus, whose charge we bear.

**Amen.**

**The Epistle Lesson**

Romans 8:1-11, N. T. pg. 157

**Special Music***Amazing Grace*

Amy &amp; Simon Kilpatrick

**Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23, N. T. pg. 13

**Sermon***God Expects a Huge Harvest*

Rev. Dorothy Pearman

**Offering**

We bring our gifts because tendrils of God's love have worked their ways into the soil of our hearts. Sisters and brothers, let us yield our lives to God's abundant harvest.

**Offertory***Give Me Jesus*  
Amy Kilpatrick

arr. Larry Shackley

**\*Doxology #606  
(Melody)**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ,  
all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune  
God, whom we adore. Amen.***

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Giver of life, we do not want the cares of the world and the lure of wealth to choke your word among us. As the sower casts seeds abundantly, hopefully, so we long to participate in your seeding of the world. Receive these gifts as tokens of our lives. Send your cultivating Spirit to work among us until we yield and grow in grace, for we pray in the name of Jesus, who came out of love for the world.

**Amen.****\*Invitation to the Lord's Table****\*Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Therefore, we give thanks to you, joining in the chorus of praise that transcends time – connecting us to generations past, present, and future:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.****Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. (Hymn #552)****Partaking of the Bread and Cup****Communion***Pray for Light***Prayers of Intercession****The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as your beloved children, we are told to pray together,

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn #80

*You Shall Go Out with Joy*

\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Light of the World*

S. Schwartz

**We thank Simon and Amy Kilpatrick for sharing their gifts of music with us today!**

**WELCOME!** We are glad you have joined us to worship God. If you are a visitor, we invite you to introduce yourself to our Deacon of the Day, Tanis Berry, who will be available after worship.

The **LITURGIST** today is Claudia Rodems with Terrie Murray, Mike Rodems as the **GREETERS, USHERS and COMMUNION SERVERS**.

The **FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE** are given in memory of Janice Fox and John Wilson on their heavenly birthdays from Nancy Wilson and family.

Please sign the **WELCOME PAD** as it makes its way down your row. If you are a visitor or have recently changed your address, please include this and any other information you wish to share.

**THREE WAYS TO WORSHIP!** In Person, live streamed at 9:30 a.m. on Facebook and then the service (which is being recorded as we worship in person) will be available beginning Sunday afternoons on the OPPC You Tube channel which can be accessed directly from YouTube or our webpage: [www.oppchurch.org](http://www.oppchurch.org). **Please be aware that the worship service is being recorded as well as live streamed and will be broadcast via the internet.**

The **PRAYER BOARD** is located in the Reception Room at the name tag table. You are invited to use a slip of paper to write or draw your prayer and clip it to the board. The Prayer Board will be brought into worship; however, the prayers will not be read aloud or shared. This is a unique and special opportunity for children and adults to be able to express their joys and/or concerns.

**WE WELCOME KIDS IN WORSHIP** as together we are the whole people of God and today all the children are staying in worship as our regular CE programming is done until September. Worship Bags are always available in the Reception Room at the CE table. The Nursery will be open, and the service will be live streamed, so if a Little One gets restless, a parent may take them there to play and still see the service.

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Pastor at Hamburg

**PRAYER REQUESTS** can be submitted to the office. Please remember that our worship service is livestreamed, so discretion should be used when sharing requests involving others.

## HELP STOCK THE BLESSING BOX THIS SUMMER!

When doing your weekly shopping throughout the summer, please consider adding **peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, boxed cereal, pasta sauce, canned tuna and canned chicken** to your list for our Blessing Box! Children are off for the summer and our nonperishable foods are quickly disappearing! Place your donations in the bins marked "Blessing Box" so that our volunteers can stock the cabinet with the appropriate amount each day. Thanks for helping us with this valuable mission project that benefits our community all summer long.

OPPC will be at **The Genesis Center on FRIDAY, JULY 17** at 3:45pm until 6:00pm. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Dolores Battle at [battlede03@gmail.com](mailto:battlede03@gmail.com).

Next **SUNDAY, JULY 19 is SANDWICH SUNDAY**. Please bring your individually wrapped sandwiches to worship with you and drop them at the table by The Welcome Center and they will be delivered to St. Luke's after worship.

## PARENTS NIGHT OUT – PJ'S AND PIZZA MOVIE PARTY

Your kids are invited to come in their pjs with their blankets, pillows and slippers for a fun evening watching movies and eating pizza on Saturday, **July 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm!!** Mom and Dad can enjoy a few hours of well deserved GROWN UP FUN! Please contact Christine in the office if you are planning on having your kids attend.

**The Christian Education Ministry Team needs your input as we evaluate and plan our offerings for the next program year!** There is a separate survey for Adults (each adult can complete) and Youth (one per family with kids age 3 - middle school). See QR codes below or look for links in the weekly emails. Responses requested by July 12th!

Youth



Adult



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