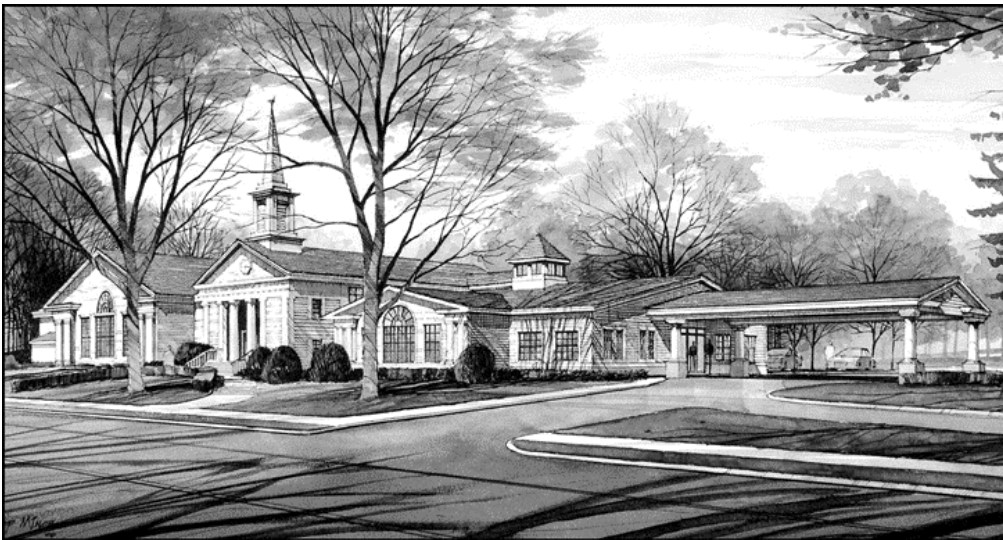




***A thriving faith community  
engaged in compassionate service.***



***June 28, 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**

*Worthy to Be Praised*

Byron J. Smith

**Greetings**

**\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 89)**

Let us sing of God's steadfast love forever;

**With my mouth I will proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.**

Let us declare that God's steadfast love is established forever;

**God's faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

**\*Opening Hymn #69**

*Here I Am, Lord*

**\*Invitation to Confession**

We have been called to love our God with all our heart, mind, strength and soul and to love our neighbor as ourselves, but our lives are constricted and self-consumed. We have failed to love God, our neighbor and ourselves as we should. Let us make the good confession before God and others.

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

**God of the risen Christ, you broke the power of sin and evil. And yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. Indeed, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us, so that we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Indeed, free us from the graves of self-hatred, so that we can see ourselves as your children. Amen.**

*(A moment for silent confession)*

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

The mercy of the Lord is sure. In Christ, we are forgiven and set free from the chains that bind us so that we can be your people.

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*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**

Savior God, your Word is a lamp to our feet on this discipleship road. Walk with us. Guide us with your wisdom and grace. Open us to discerning your will and your way.

**Amen.**

**Scripture Reading**

Psalm 13, O.T. pg. 494

**Special Music**

*Let My People Go* arr. Emerson  
Amy Kilpatrick, Barry Dietsch & Heather Dietsch

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 10:40-42, N.T pg. 11

**Sermon**

*A Promise for Patience* Elder Wil Weiss

**Affirmation of Faith** (From a Brief Statement of Faith)

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**Prayers of the People**

O God, you have commanded us to reach across deep divides and challenged us to love our enemies. You have also called us to pursue justice, stand with the marginalized, and call out evil, especially when we have been complicit in it. You have called us not only to refrain from violence but also to refrain from hurtful and unkind words. Indeed, you have called us to ponder deep flourishing for all your children and for our planet. Empower us to live by your way in the world. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy one, help us embody the peace we pass to one another, so that we might be your peace in the world. We know too well our divisions based on gender, race, sexuality and class, but help us bear witness to a different reality. Help us begin the process of healing and deliverance. Help us form new ways of being in mutuality, love and justice with and through one another. Empower us to live out of your love in all that we do, healing divisions, addressing enmity and reaching out to those we perceive as enemies. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of all nations, we pray for all countries around the globe — for those entrusted with leadership on behalf of the common good. Help them discern how to use resources wisely to address the needs of citizens suffering from social, economic and political oppression. Move us all to attend to the cries of the marginalized in our midst. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray:

**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.**

## The Offering

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. God has given us life and resources for it, so let us give in return.

## Offertory

*Old Time Religion Medley*

Arr. Mark Hayes

## \*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.*

## \*Hymn #697

*Take My Life*

## \*Benediction (based on Psalm 13)

Friends, trust in God's steadfast love; let your hearts rejoice in God's salvation. Sing praises to the Lord because God has dealt bountifully with us. Amen.

## Postlude

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Nettleton/Curry

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

The **LITURGIST** today is Nancy Meister with the Grabau Family; Trevor, Sydney, Gavin and Julian as **GREETERS and USHERS** with Nancy Lesakowski as **HEAD USHER**.

The **FLOWERS** on the communion table are given by Joan Weir and family in memory of Bill Weir and Kristen Weir.

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 YouTube 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.

Our **PRAYERS and SYMPATHY** go to the Wallace family on the death of Sandy Wallace on June 22, 2026.

Our **PRAYERS and SYMPATHY** to to the March-Nagowski family on the death of Catherine's mother, Lorna March, who died on June 18, 2026.

Thank you to everyone who brought sandwiches for St. Luke's last week. Thanks to Barb Olandt from the Mission Ministry Team for staffing the table and Deb Galloway for delivering 75 sandwiches. The **next SANDWICH SUNDAY is JULY 19. STARTING TODAY** and going through **September 6**, there will be **ONLY ONE SERVICE AT 9:30 a.m.**

If you are in need of **PASTORAL CARE**, please contact Christine in the Church Office and she will connect you with a member from our Pastoral Care Team. **PRAYER REQUESTS** can be submitted to the office as well. Please remember that our worship service is livestreamed, so discretion should be used when sharing requests involving others.

The Church Office will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, July 6** in observance of Independence Day.

**THE OFFERING** is one way of many ways for us to respond to God. Monetary gifts to support the ministry of OPPC are greatly appreciated. **Secure online giving is available.** Scan the QR Code with your cell phone and you will be directed to our Online Giving Site.



**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

