

Today's Worship July 5, 2026

GATHERING

Reverend Karen Hoyt

WELCOME

*SONG

I Surrender All

All

*SONG

Oceans

All

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Karen

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

The concerns are followed by:

ALL: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

All

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, the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN

*SONG

Lord, I Need You

McEver Singers

THE WORD

Pastor Karen

Romans 7:15-25 (NIV)

¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. ²¹ So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law;²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature I am a slave to the law of sin.

PRAYER

SERMON

The Struggle Within

Reverend Tyler Jackson

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. Where do you recognize Paul's struggle in your own life — wanting to do what is good, but finding yourself pulled toward what harms you, others, or your connection with God?
2. What are the habits, anxieties, distractions, or patterns that you already know are not helping you — but still seem to have power over you?
3. What would it look like this week to move beyond awareness and take one faithful step of follow-through with God's help?

GIVING OPPORTUNITY

Pastor Karen

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Karen

COMMUNION

Pastor Tyler

INVITATION & CONFESSION

Minister: Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, invites everyone to his table to offer peace, reconciliation, and love. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and each another:

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Minister: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Amen

Minister: Let us embody the peace, reconciliation, and love we have received by extending to each other a handshake, hug, or high-five.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Let us now give thanks, together:

God, it is right, and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to You, almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in Your image and breathed into us the Breath of Life. When we turned away and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast.

And so, by the baptism of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

We are reconciled through the sacrificial love embodied on the cross by your Son, Jesus Christ, and our redemption sealed through his resurrection. And when the Resurrected Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

And when the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of Jesus' mighty acts, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and the cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood and empowered by the gifts of the Spirit.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

SONG **Victory In Jesus** All

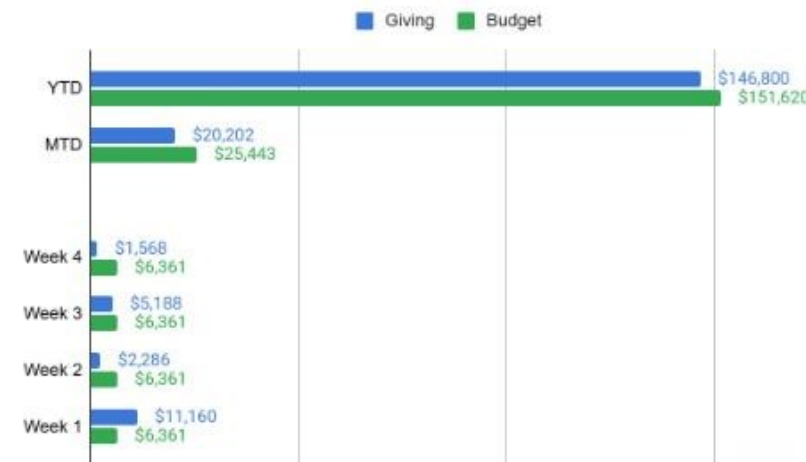
BENEDICTION Pastor Tyler

Leader: May we be honest about the struggle within ourselves and recognize that we do not always do the good we want to do and yet we will not let those things define us.

All: We go now knowing that God does not shame us but guides us all toward life as we Love Christ, Love People, and Help People Love Christ. Amen!

June 2026 Giving vs Budget

YTD Shortfall \$4820



Loving Christ Loving People Helping People Love Christ

Welcome! We are truly glad you're here!

No matter your background, status, or story—you are welcome. Whether you feel like you have everything or nothing, have strong family bonds or feel like the "odd-one-out," are young or simply young at heart, we embrace you just as you are. Regardless of who you are or whatever box/label someone gave you, we strive to see the image of God in everyone. If you are struggling, seeking, doubting, or carrying wounds from the past, know that God meets us where we are. And today, we are grateful to meet you exactly where you are.

Welcome to McEver Road United Methodist Church
We're so glad you're here!

Tips for New Worshipers:

Coming to a new space with new people can be overwhelming. Let us help you feel more comfortable and at ease:

- Enjoy refreshments at the snack table and coffee bar at anytime
- Bathrooms are located in the back of the Pavilion (where you are now) with additional ones located inside the Bagley House.

Tips for New Families:

All ages are welcome to worship with us during this worship hour. That being said, we know each family has different needs:

- If your family chooses to stay in the Pavilion, we have green worship bags available for younger ages to use (At the end of the service, please return them so we can reuse them next week!)
- If you need nursery care (0-3 years old), then we have a wonderful space and trained volunteers ready to love on them in the Nursery Room located downstairs inside the Bagley House
- If your children (K-5th) would like to participate in Kids Worship for a fun, engaging experience, please join them in the Kids Area, downstairs inside the Bagley House



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