

**Today’s Altar Flowers honor** the glory of our Creator and in celebration of all the folks who planted, trimmed, watered, watered, and watered our gardens this spring & summer.

**Prayers to all of the kids and school staff who are headed back to school this week and next week. May God keep them all safe!**

**Upcoming dates to remember:**

- August 28<sup>th</sup>, Choir Rehearsal is back in session every Thursday at 7:30pm. If you are interested in joining the choir, please see Terry Dunnivant!
- August 31<sup>st</sup>, anyone interested in trying out bells, please join Mary Kepple in the bell room; one class is at 9:30am and the other will be held at 12pm. Come give it a try!
- September 1<sup>st</sup>, Office is closed due to Labor Day.
- September 2<sup>nd</sup>, Church Council (open meeting) at 6:30pm in the Varsity room.
- September 4<sup>th</sup>, Wesley Ringers Rehearsal is back in session every Thursday at 6:30pm. If you are interested in joining, please see Mary Kepple!
- September 5<sup>th</sup>, Care Team at 11:30am in the Varsity room.
- September 5<sup>th</sup>, is our final ‘First Friday’ with Logan & the youth. Visit us downtown from 6–9pm.
- September 7<sup>th</sup>, Youth Bell Practice begins; every Sunday from 9:30am-10:15am.
- September 7<sup>th</sup>, Junior Church begins (infants–5<sup>th</sup> graders) dismissal at 11am and lasts until the 10:45am service ends.
- September 8<sup>th</sup>, Piece Corps at 10am & United Women in Faith at 1pm.

- **Our Nursery** is open year round for children of all ages.
- **Worship Volunteer Needs:** Positions include Liturgist, Lay Readers, Ushers, Live Stream, and Sound Board teams. Contact the office to help.
- **Community Service Opportunities:** Available on our website under the service tab.

**Our Mission**

To make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.

# Gay Street & Green Valley Chapel UMCs

*Experiencing God through Worship, Spiritual Growth, Care, and Service*



**Sanctuary, August 17, 2025**

***Patient in the Wilderness***

*Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains.*

**–James 5:7**

**Welcome to Gay Street UMC!**

Ways to stay connected; our website: [mtvumc.org](http://mtvumc.org), Facebook, Instagram, or by signing up for eDevos–our weekly newsletter with devotionals, prayer concerns, and events.

- **Office Hours:** Monday–Friday, 8am–3pm | **Phone:** 740-392-6626 | **Email:** [office@gaystreetumc.org](mailto:office@gaystreetumc.org)
- **Restrooms:** Located at the rear of the sanctuary or through the parlor.
- **Hearing Devices:** Available upon request from an usher.
- **Prayer Concerns:** Share on green cards in pews and place them in the offering plate or give to the pastor.

**Sermon Notes:**

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10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
<i>The *asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.</i>		
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rev. Christopher Liberati	
PREPARATION		
Prelude	Aria, by Gordon Young	Janet Guetle
Opening Prayer–All Uniting		Liturgist: Cathy Yarman
Lord, we gather here this morning with lives that are filled with activity and movement. We rush from one thing to another as though we are going to run out of time to accomplish everything. Help us to let go of the hectic times and the stresses and find our rest in you. Relax our spirits and refresh our souls. Remind us that there will always be things to do and places to go, but that we need the rest of spirit that you provide. AMEN.		
*Gathering Hymn	I Love to Tell the Story	UM Hymnal 156
*CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text)		
L: Welcome to worship this morning.		
C: Even though it is summertime, our lives are crowded and rushed.		
L: Come into this time of peace and quiet.		
C: We need to rest in God’s word.		
L: God’s love is with you. God will give you rest and refresh your souls.		
C: Thanks be to God for this "break-away" time. AMEN.		
Invitation to Children	Rev. Christopher Liberati	
Children’s Song-congregation	Where Children Belong	
Lyrics:		
This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.		
Children’s Message	Logan Hines	
INTO THE WORD		
Psalm 89:20–29	Lay Reader: Carol Navin	
1 Samuel 24:1–7		
*Response to the Word	Gloria Patri	UM Hymnal 71
Message	Patient in the Wilderness	Rev. Christopher Liberati

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn

Father, I Adore You

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Morning Prayer  
Lord’s Prayer–**UM Hymnal 895**

Invitation and Dedication for the Giving of Our Lives, Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings:  
*When we bring an offering to God, it is a form of worship. Worshipping God with giving of our money reveals our hearts desire. We give sacrificially, generously, and continuously as a way of ascribing value to who God is in our lives. As we do so, our love for God and others grow.*

Offertory

We Are Called

Alex Diehl, tenor soloist

\***Doxology**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

**UM Hymnal 94**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**SENDING FORTH**  
\*Hymn of Parting

Be Still, My Soul

UM Hymnal 534

\*Benediction

Postlude

Toccata on Ein Feste Burg, arr. by Gordon Young

Janet Guetle

**Worship Volunteers:**  
Live Stream: Carol Moore & Paul Spurgeon  
Nursery: Mary Ann Martin & Patti Coates  
Sound: Todd Burson  
  
Ushers: Liz Lutwick, John & Susan Stone, Cyndi Wyatt

