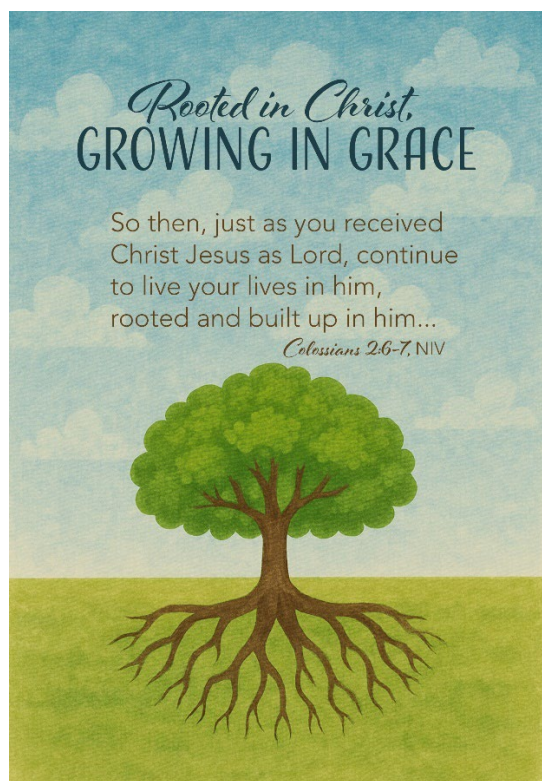


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PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Unfolding Light

Leader: Open our eyes to the mystery of your presence.

People: May your Realm come to life among us!

Leader: Change us with the grace of your forgiveness.

**People: All power and glory are yours,
God of love.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace.

People: Alleluia! The Triune God reigns.

***HYMN** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*
#64 UMH

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim
falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man
thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Text: Reginald Heber (1826)

Music: John B. Dykes (1861)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Nicene Creed #880*

The first Ecumenical Council in 325 was a gathering of Christian bishops in Nicaea, now İznik in present-day Türkiye, as the first attempt to reach consensus in the church through an assembly representing all of Christendom, and to affirm the Christian faith in the triune God.

In Nicaea, Christians who only recently had been persecuted in the Roman Empire were able to gather under the patronage of the emperor to affirm their faith and witness to the society around them. Then, as now, the call to unity was heard within the context of a troubled, unequal, and divided world.

The 1700th anniversary offers an opportunity to celebrate and reflect on the affirmation of faith in the Nicene Creed, the mission of God's triune love and the implications this has for the common witness and service of the churches, it gives us the opportunity to ask afresh with others what Nicaea means for churches and Christians today. – World Council of Churches see:

<https://www.oikoumene.org/events/nicaea-2025>

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary**

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and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic*
and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*universal

SCRIPTURE Psalm 85:7,10-13 (NRSVUE)

- ⁷ Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation...
- ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
- ¹¹ Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
- ¹² The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
- ¹³ Righteousness will go before God
and will make a path for God's steps.

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks Be to God.

SINGING OUR FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20AM

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN—9:40AM

HYMN *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*
#404 UMH, Refrain

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart,
I will pray.

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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God, we thank you for this mystery in which you have
given yourself to us. You feed us the daily bread of
your grace. You have forgiven us, that we may forgive.
You save us from our weakness, and empower us to
do your will. May your love bear fruit in our lives, for
the sake of your Realm, your power and your glory,
now and forever. (*pause in silence*)

We entrust ourselves to you, God, Creator of all
that is and all that is to come. Holy is your presence.
All that you create you love; and your only will is
blessing.

We entrust ourselves to you, Jesus, the Beloved.
You healed us and fed us and taught us to pray.
You showed us your forgiveness, that we might
forgive others. Crucified and risen, you are our
deliverance from the powers of evil, leading us past
our temptations, that your will may be done.

We entrust ourselves to you, Holy Spirit, that your
love may take root in our hearts and your will be
done. By your power the Realm of Grace flourishes in
this world until it will prevail. The world, and the
power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Hear us as we pray saying:

**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.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Offer the peace of Christ by saying:
The peace of Christ be with you.
Respond: And also with you!

HYMN

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GIVING

*RESPONSE

#95, UMH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 2:6-10 (NRVSUE)

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Living in Gratitude
Rev. David W. Brown

*HYMN

Lord, Dismiss us with Thy Blessing
#671 UMH

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, thy love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
for thy gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of thy salvation
in our hearts and lives abound;
ever faithful, ever faithful
to the truth may we be found.

Text: John Fawcett (1773)

Music: *The European Magazine and Review*, 1792; harm. from *The Methodist Hymn and Tune Book*, 1889, alt.

BENEDICTION

The Apostolic Blessing #669 UMH

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit
Be with you all. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

**Stand in body or in spirit*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Greg Bailie

Liturgist at 9:40 – Audrey Miller

Greeters at 9:40 – Barry Dixon & Audrey Miller

Special Music at 9:40 – brothers Evan and Ian Herbert



Gather for coffee and treats in the Atrium following the 9:40am service!

**REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE**



**ONLINE
GIVING**



for IPM Food Pantry—Due TODAY!

Please place any donations in between the Atrium doors by this evening. Supplies will be delivered tomorrow.

This year, we are specifically to provide:

Folders

Composition Notebooks

Highlighters

[any school supplies are welcome]

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Thanks to everyone who has stepped up to help with Coffee Fellowship following the 9:40am worship service during Lynne's treatment. The choir, several women's and men's bible studies, book clubs, the Mitchells (3rd Sunday), and many individuals have contributed during the summer months. As we think ahead to the fall/winter months, we are looking for volunteers to host a week or two. Tablecloths, napkins, and silverware will be provided. Xavier is always here to assist in the kitchen and with coffee and water. Generally, 6 to 8 food items have been plenty. If you are interested in volunteering to organize a Sunday morning with friends or another family, please contact Denise Scholtz at dscholtz84@yahoo.com. Thanks so very much for considering helping with this ministry near and dear to Lynne's heart.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Summer Sunday School is **IN FULL SWING** and our amazing volunteers are in **ACTION!**

- Preschool (ages 2-5 years old)
- Elementary (K-3rd Graders)
- FaithClimbers (4th-6th Graders)

However - we would love to have your help!

Summer is a great time to explore new places AND new opportunities. If you have ever wondered what it might be like to help with Sunday School or are willing to volunteer this summer to assist our regular volunteer leaders, please take a look at our online signup at <https://bit.ly/44MQuXh> and plug in where you are able. *All you have to do is show up and our amazing leaders will show you the ropes!*

TUTORING OPPORTUNITIES

WE HAVE A NEW VOLUNTEER TUTORING RELATIONSHIP AVAILABLE WITH **MILFORD FIRST UMC.**

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2025-2026
WONDERKIDS
READING COACHES NEEDED

Tuesdays 4:00 pm - 6:25 pm
or Wednesdays 3:15 pm - 5:45 pm

Make a difference in a child's life

TRAINING COMING THIS JULY AND AUGUST

SIGN-UP
today

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