

*An Order of Sunday Worship*

*In the United Methodist Church, green is the color of growth, life, and discipleship. It fills the long season after Pentecost, reminding the church that faith is not only born in high holy moments but nurtured in ordinary days. Green reflects the steady work of the Holy Spirit and the church's call to continue growing in grace.*

✠ Please stand in body or spirit.  
Spoken liturgy is printed in **bold**.  
Sung liturgy is printed in **bold italics**.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Gillian Walters

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Diane Bish

✠ CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Lee Allen

The kingdom begins in small and hidden ways.  
**Yet God’s grace grows beyond all expectation.**  
The treasure of Christ is worth all we possess.  
**We gladly seek the riches of God’s kingdom.**  
The Spirit works quietly, renewing every heart.  
**We welcome God’s transforming presence among us.**  
Come, let us worship the Giver of every good gift.  
**Our hope is planted in the everlasting kingdom.**

✠ PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* UMH 64

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

✠ GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM Katherine Alexander, *baptizand*

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?  
**We do.**  
Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child in your care?  
**With God's help, we will.**

RESPONSIVE HYMN *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* UMH 611

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Allen

THE LORD’S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERTORY

*New every morning is Your grace arising like the dawn.  
Your love has drawn us to this place, Your love will lead us on.*

OFFERTORY *He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands* arr. Bonds

*During the singing of the Doxology, children in kindergarten through third grade are invited to make their way to the front of the Sanctuary for the Children’s Moment.*

✠ DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER FOR THE NATION

*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.*

*Our fathers’ God to Thee, author of liberty, to Thee we sing;  
long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;  
protect us by Thy might, great God, our king. Amen.*

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Anna Moore

✠ GOSPEL HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* UMH 103  
Verses 1-2

✠ THE GOSPEL Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 Rev. Walters

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

✠ GOSPEL HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* UMH 103  
Verses 3-4

SERMON The Kingdom of Heaven is Like... Rev. Walters

*A Mustard Seed of Faith*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Allen

**God of the kingdom, we confess that we often overlook the small beginnings through which you are at work. We cling to lesser treasures and settle for passing comforts instead of the joy of your reign. Forgive our divided hearts. Fill us with faith to trust your hidden work, to seek your kingdom above all else, and to rejoice in the treasure of your grace. Amen.**

*All pray in silence.*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: God’s kingdom is already at work among us. The grace revealed in Jesus Christ is greater than our fear and more precious than all we possess.  
**In Christ we are forgiven, renewed, and made citizens of God’s everlasting kingdom. Thanks be to God.**

✠ HYMN OF INVITATION *For the Beauty of the Earth* UMH 92

✠ BENEDICTION Rev. Walters

✠ CHORAL BENEDICTION *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Lutkin

✠ POSTLUDE *Sinfonia #29* J.S. Bach

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

PASTOR Rev. Gillian Walters

GUEST PASTOR Rev. Lee Allen

GUEST ORGANIST Tommy Watts

ACOLYTES Emily Sullivan  
Julia Tindle  
Lucy Carden Markle  
Mary Scott Tindle

USHERS David Gremse  
Scott Hunter  
Steve Terry (HU)  
Tom Delchamps

A/V TEAM Steven Clontz

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of  
Eric Weber by Laurie and Anna Weber.

MILESTONE

Katherine (Kit) Mabrey Alexander, daughter of Mollie and Jake Alexander, will be presented for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during today’s 11:00 worship service.

SYMPATHY

Our love and sympathy are extended to the family of Kristen DeLaney upon her death on Saturday, July 18, 2026.

COMMENDATION AND NEW MEMBER WELCOME

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and at Dauphin Way United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH AND CHILDCARE

*We will not have Children’s Church during the month of July; however, regular nursery care will be provided. During the service, infants and toddlers up to 2 years old may go to Room 110, while 2 and 3-year-olds may go to Room 115, and 3 and 4-year-olds may go to Room 107. All other children will remain with their guardian during worship and may take an activity sheet to use during the service.*

PASTORAL CARE

*If you or a loved one are in the hospital, need prayer, or you would like to have a conversation with a pastor about your faith and relationship to Jesus, then please don’t hesitate to reach out to us at **pastoralcare@dauphinwayumc.org**. You can also call the church office at **(251) 471-1511** and set up a time when we can talk with you.*

GET INVOLVED AT DAUPHIN WAY

For more info about any of our programs or events, visit [dauphinwayumc.org](http://dauphinwayumc.org).

| SUNDAYS AT DAUPHIN WAY UMC |          |                                                                                                         |                                                                    |
|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MORNING SCHEDULE           | 8:00 AM  | <b>Sunday Morning Donuts</b>                                                                            | McGowin Hall                                                       |
|                            | 8:10 AM  | <b>Children’s Nursery Opens</b><br>- Ages 0 – 2yrs<br>- Ages 2 – 3yrs<br>- Ages 3 – 4K                  | Education Building<br>E110<br>E115<br>E107                         |
|                            | 8:20 AM  | <b>Chapel Worship</b>                                                                                   | Adkins Chapel                                                      |
|                            | 9:15 AM  | <b>Adult Sunday School</b><br>- Covenant Class<br>- Faith Development Class<br>- Open Hearts Open Minds | McGowin Hall<br>McDavid Library<br>Dill Parlor<br>Family Life Room |
|                            | 9:30 AM  | <b>Friends In Faith</b>                                                                                 | E125                                                               |
|                            | 9:30 AM  | <b>Contemporary Worship</b>                                                                             | Moore Hall                                                         |
|                            | On Break | <b>Children’s Church</b> (K–3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade)<br><i>(resumes 8/2)</i>                              |                                                                    |
|                            | 10:30 AM | <b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b>                                                                          | The Sanctuary                                                      |
|                            | 10:30 AM | <b>Fellowship for Everyone</b>                                                                          | McGowin Hall                                                       |
|                            | 11:00 AM | <b>Traditional Worship</b>                                                                              | The Sanctuary                                                      |
|                            | On Break | <b>Children’s Church</b> (K–3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade)<br><i>(resumes 8/2)</i>                              |                                                                    |
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| EVENING SCHEDULE | On Break | <b>Children’s Nursery</b> (0–3yrs)                            | Education Building      |
|                  | On Break | <b>Children’s Programming</b><br><i>(resumes in the fall)</i> | Ed. Building & McGowin  |
|                  | On Break | <b>Youth SNL &amp; Dinner</b><br><i>(resumes in the fall)</i> | The Refuge & Moore Hall |

| WEEKLY SCHEDULE |          |                                                        |                              |
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| MON – FRI       | 8:00 AM  | <b>Meals On Wheels</b>                                 | Kitchen                      |
| MON & TUE       | 9:00 AM  | <b>Society of St. Stephen</b>                          | E120                         |
| MONDAYS         | 10:00 AM | <b>Prayer Group</b>                                    | Dill Parlor                  |
| TUESDAYS        | 7:00 AM  | <b>Men’s Prayer Breakfast</b>                          | McDavid Library              |
| WEDNESDAYS      | On Break | <b>Youth Morning Devotion</b><br><i>(resumes 8/19)</i> | Off Site                     |
|                 | 10:00 AM | <b>Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting</b>                   | Bishops’ & Family Life Rooms |
|                 | 1:30 PM  | <b>Centering Prayer</b>                                | Dill Parlor                  |
|                 | 6:30 PM  | <b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b>                         | Choir Room                   |
|                 | 7:00 PM  | <b>Contemp. Worship Practice</b>                       | Moore Hall                   |

| THIS WEEK’S HIGHLIGHTS |          |                                        |                 |
|------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Sun, Jul 26            | 3:00 PM  | <b>Kingdom Covenant Prayer Meeting</b> | McDavid Library |
| Wed, Jul 29            | 11:30 AM | <b>Youth Galatians Summer Study</b>    | Off Site        |
|                        | 12:00 PM | <b>Summer Sages Luncheon</b>           | McGowin Hall    |
| Thu, Jul 30            | 7:00 AM  | <b>Grits and Grace</b>                 | McGowin Hall    |

| MARK YOUR CALENDARS |                    |                                                                              |                            |
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| Mon, Aug 3          | <i>All Day</i>     | <b>DEADLINE:</b> Drop off your school supply donations!                      |                            |
| Tue, Aug 4          | 12:00 PM           | <b>Children’s Parent Council</b>                                             | McDavid Library            |
|                     | 5:30 PM            | <b>SPRC Meeting</b>                                                          | McDavid Library            |
| Thu, Aug 6          | 5:30 PM            | <b>Guided By Grace</b>                                                       | Off Site; T Marie’s        |
| Aug 7–9             | <i>All Day</i>     | <b>SALT Retreat</b>                                                          | Off Site                   |
| Sun, Aug 9          | <i>All Morning</i> | <b>Blessing of the Backpacks</b>                                             | DWUMC                      |
| Sun, Aug 16         | 4:00 PM            | <b>Rise Against Hunger Event</b>                                             | Moore Hall & McGowin Hall  |
| Sun, Aug 23         | 4:30 PM            | <b>Back-to-School Bash</b>                                                   | Moore Hall                 |
| Wed, Aug 26         | 12:00 PM           | <b>DW’s Summer Reading Book Club Gathering</b>                               | McDavid Library            |
| Sun, Aug 30         | <i>All Morning</i> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Presentation &amp; Fall Programming Launch</b> | Moore Hall & The Sanctuary |
| Nov 13–15           | <i>All Day</i>     | <b>SAVE THE DATE:</b> Family Camp                                            | Off Site; Blue Lake Camp   |

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**RESCHEDULED SUMMER SAGES LUNCHEON:** If you're 50 or older, we warmly invite you to our upcoming Summer Sages Luncheon on Wednesday, **July 29**, at 12 PM. It will be a special time of fellowship, connection, and inspiration. Come hear the latest about what's happening in our congregation and enjoy a meaningful time with friends, both familiar and new. This time, we'll gather to enjoy music and sing some of our favorite hymns! Share a refreshing, delicious lunch with us as we beat the heat and celebrate summertime in Mobile together. By registering in advance, you'll ensure your spot at the table and help us plan for the right amount of food so everyone can enjoy. To reserve your spot, visit [dauphinwayumc.org/sages-luncheon](http://dauphinwayumc.org/sages-luncheon) or call the church at **251-471-1511**. See you there!

**LEINKAUF SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE 2026–2027:** It’s hard to realize a new school year will be starting in just a few weeks! We are excited to partner with Leinkauf Elementary School again, and want to help ensure that students and teachers get off to a great start. You can help by donating school supplies from the list of requested items by using this link: [dauphinwayumc.org/leinkauf-supplies](http://dauphinwayumc.org/leinkauf-supplies). Donated items may be delivered to the bins in McGowin Hall or the Gathering Place by Monday, **August 3**. Thank you for your generosity and support of Leinkauf Elementary School!

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS:** On Sunday, **August 9**, our Children’s Ministry invites all children in grades kindergarten through fifth grade to bring their backpacks with them to church for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks! During worship, our ministers and congregation will pray over these students as they enter into the new school year. What a joy it will be to help bless the very backpacks that our children will be carrying with them for the entire year—please join us for this Dauphin Way tradition!

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER ON AUGUST 16:** Dauphin Way’s first RISE AGAINT HUNGER event is scheduled for Sunday, **August 16**, from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM. Leo Walters, almost 5, and Irvin Rentz, almost 99, have already signed up to help! We need lots of volunteers between those ages to join the church family in packaging non-perishable meals to help ease food insecurity around the world. We also need for everyone participating (children, youth, and adults) to register so that proper plans can be made for this special mission project sponsored by your Dauphin Way UMC Foundation. Visit [dauphinwayumc.org/RAH](http://dauphinwayumc.org/RAH) to join the afternoon of fun and fellowship and also to register for childcare for those 4 and under.

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH:** Get ready for bouncy houses, delicious FooSackly’s, and sweet treats from MOB Snow next month! On Sunday, **August 23**, at 4:30 PM, our Children’s Ministry invites all kids to join us for some fun while their parents attend an orientation. During their meeting, parents will learn more about our volunteer opportunities, curriculum overview, and other important Children's Ministry updates. Kick off the school year with us!

**SUMMER READING BOOK CLUB:** Our Summer Reading Book Club meets next month! Choose one or more books from the following list to read over the summer: *Responsible Grace* by Randy Maddox, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction* by Eugene Peterson, or *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry* by John Mark Comer. Then, on Wednesday, **August 26**, at 12 PM, join us for a gathering to celebrate and recap what we read! Sign up here: [dauphinwayumc.org/summer-book-club](http://dauphinwayumc.org/summer-book-club).

**THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION:** During worship on Sunday, **August 30**, our third grade students will receive their Bibles for the year! Third Grade Bible class will run from August to May, and will be a very special time for our students. They will learn about the history of God's people, the major characters and prophets of the Old Testament, and the ministry and life of Jesus and His disciples on Sunday nights. We will also enjoy lively discussions, work in groups and partners, have special treats, and even complete homework to help us learn and grow in our Christian faith together! Please have your third graders join us for this celebration as we kick off these special Sunday evenings.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Be sure to mark your calendars for Family Camp 2026, which will be held from Friday, **November 13**, to Sunday, **November 15**, at Blue Lake Camp in Andalusia, AL. *More details will be announced closer to the date!*



*Dauphin Way United Methodist Church*  
*Mobile, Alabama*

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 26, 2026

11:00 AM SERVICE OF WORD

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