Traditional Service of Worship

October 4, 2026 **11:00 a.m.**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE Haan

Let Us Break Bread Together

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please fill out a Connect Card—available in the pews (drop it in the offering plate) or digitally via the QR code at the bottom right of this bulletin.

INTROIT

*HYMN No. 340

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Please respond by reading the bold text aloud)

Leader: Scripture says God's Word is a lamp for our feet

People: We come ready to listen.

Leader: Come, let us hear the words of Jesus and put them into practice.

People: We come ready to do this and live.

Leader: Let Scripture shape the way we walk, work, speak, and serve

People: We hear the Word. We live the Word. We follow the Way of Christ.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (THE 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 No. 70

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.

*RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

Let no one be a stranger in the house of God. Please greet those around you.

*HYMN No. 420

Breathe On Me, Breath of God (verse 1)

SCRIPTURE James 1:22–25

LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & RE-DEDICATION OF BIBLES

We value the gift of generations, so all kids are invited to grab a worship bag or coloring supplies and remain in the sanctuary as part of worship. The nursery is open and available for kids four years old and younger.

PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERTORY Mozart

Ave Verum Corpus (sung in Latin)

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side flowed water and blood: Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death!

Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

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.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, you have given us so much. Receive these gifts and use all that we share to bring hope, healing, and love in Christ's name. Amen.

*HYMN OF ILLUMINATION No. 539

O Spirit of the Living God

SCRIPTURE Matthew 7:24–25

LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

SERMON: Rev. Emily Knight

"A Way of Life"

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The United Methodist Church practices an open table, so ALL are welcome to participate in Communion.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION Wesley

Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love

Chancel Choir

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 593

Here I Am, Lord

*THE BENEDICTION

Go in peace. Empower others. Live abundantly in Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE Whitworth

How Great Thou Art

*Congregation, please stand as you are able.

Worship Attendance - September 27, 2026

Contemporary Worship - In-person	56
Contemporary Worship- Online	4
Traditional Worship - In-person	97
Traditional Worship - Online	9
Total Worship	166

Serving in Worship Today

9 a.m. Contemporary Service

Director of Contemporary Worship: Millie Russell
Nursery Helper: Nicholle Griffith
Greeters: Deb Day, Beth Joyner, Miranda Snipes
Tech Team: Amy Collier, Brandon Whitley
Communion Servers: Blake Griffith, Landon Kessenger

11 a.m. Traditional Service

Director of Traditional Worship: John Larsen
Organist: Mary Holladay
Nursery Helper: Nicholle Griffith
Greeters: Peggy McCord, Bill Sherman
Tech Team: Michael Bone, Brandon Whitley
Ushers: Niel & Denise Fleming
Liturgist: Kit Thomas
Crucifer: Rhys Weisman Acolytes: Mariah Cope, Diana Laforty
Communion Servers: Alicia Frank, Karen Bailey, David Morcom, Tadd Manning, Karen Western, Chris Western.

What's Happening Today?

Worship: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
New Member Class: 10:00 a.m. (Library)
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. (Room 202 & 204)
Youth Group: 10:00 a.m. (Room 302)
Kids Club: 10:00 a.m. (Room 402)
Kids Choir: 10:30 a.m. (Room 403)
Chancel Ringers: 5:00 p.m. (Room 201)

What's Happening This Week?

SPRC Meeting: Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. (Library)
Tai Chi: Tue at 10:30 a.m. & Thur at 7:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday Community Meals: 5:15 p.m. (McCord Building)
Chancel Choir: Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. (Room 501)
Circle of Hope: Thursday at 11 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Mental Health & Wholeness: Friday at 12:00 p.m. (Library)

Altar Flowers:

The flowers on the altar are given in memory of her mother, Judy Stowers by Tami and Kevin Crowell..

Meals Served Last Week: 149

New Here? We'd Love to Meet You.

Scan the QR code to let us know you're here, ask a question, request prayer, or learn more about our church.

RIVERSIDE PARK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

9am Contemporary Service
October 4, 2026

Welcome to Riverside Park United Methodist Church
If you would like to share a prayer request or receive church updates, please fill out a Connect Card—available in the pews (drop it in the offering plate) or digitally via the QR code on the inside right corner of this bulletin.

Gather with Song
Let The Light In - Cody Carnes

Welcome
Scripture: James 1:22–25
Stand In Your Love - Bethel Music

Greet One Another in Christ
Create In Me - Rend Collective

Celebration & Blessing of 3rd Grade Bibles

Children's Message (and re-dedication of all Bibles)
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Announcements & Prayer
An invitation to bring our whole selves—our burdens, hopes, questions, and gratitude—into God's presence.

Offer Gifts to God
Beautiful Offering - Big Daddy Weave

Scripture & Reflection on Matthew 7:24–25
"A Way of Life"
by Rev. Emily Knight

Break Bread. Celebrate Communion.
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How Deep The Father's Love For Us - Stuart Townend

Closing Benediction:
→ *Go in peace. Empower others. Live abundantly in Christ. Amen.*

TRUNK OR TREAT
SUN., OCT. 25TH 4-6PM
← SIGN UP NOW

NEW MEMBER CLASSES
Sundays Starting TODAY
3-part class (10/4, 10/11, 10/18)
10 a.m. in the office library
(on the 2nd Floor)

NEW: Learn to Play Mahjong

October 7th & 8th
10am-noon in the Parlor
Come for community and fun:
Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

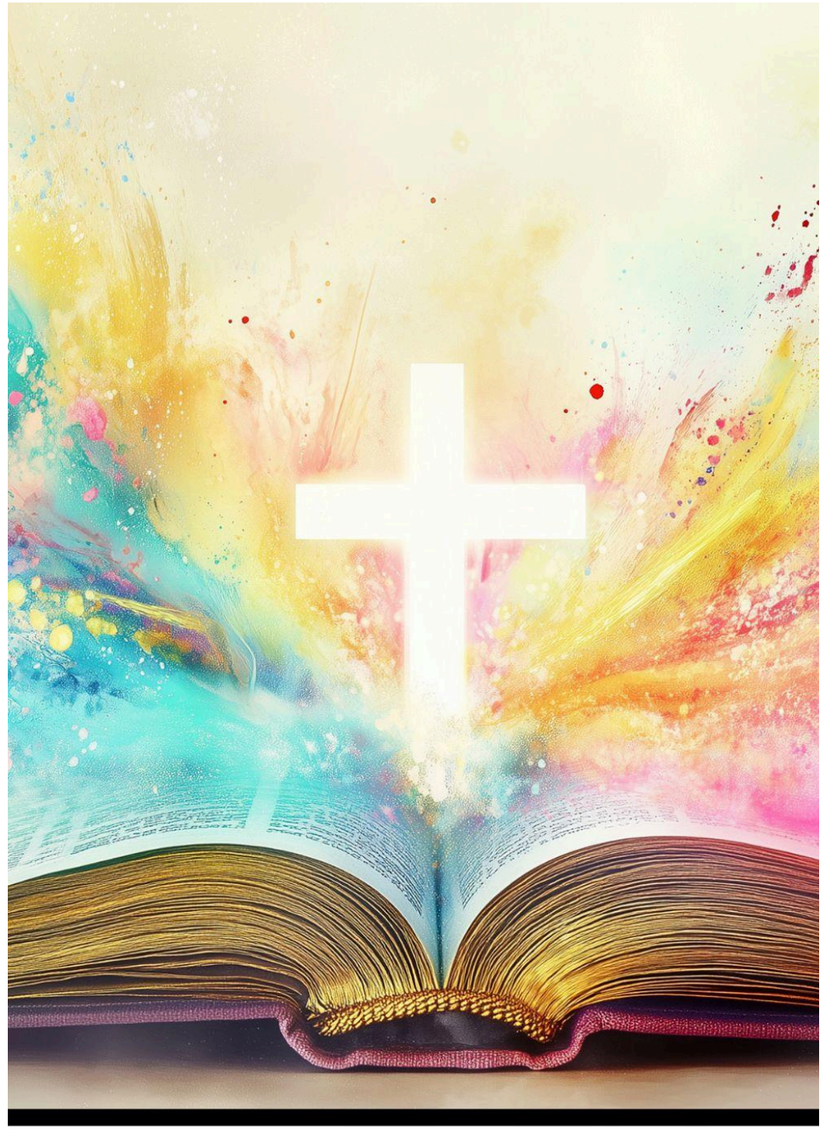
WOMEN IN MISSION

Circle of Hope	Sisters of Service	Circle of Joy & Peace
Thurs., Oct. 8	Tues., Oct. 13	Wed., Oct. 14
11 a.m.	6:30 p.m.	11 a.m.
Fellowship Hall	Parlor	Fellowship Hall

MENTAL HEALTH AND WHOLENESS
next gathering:
Friday, October 9 @ Noon
Bring your lunch and join the conversation.
2nd Fridays in the Church Office Library

Annual Charge Conference
Saturday, October 24th at 10 a.m.
Arlington UMC 1400 University Blvd. N.
Followed by "Taste of Culture" Potluck Luncheon
Bring a dish that celebrates your heritage.

Fuel the Mission & Give Online:
RPUMC.mywell.org →
(Select ACH transfers for lower processing fees.)



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