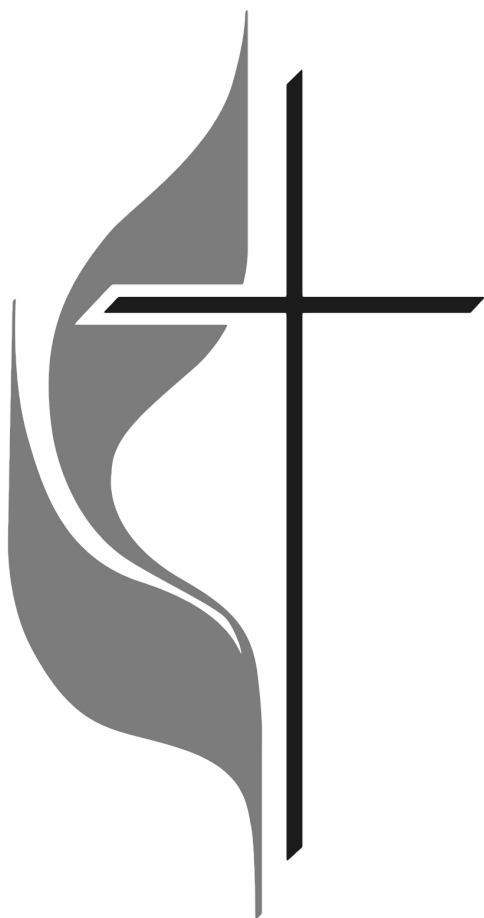




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CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

August 10, 2025 | Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

College Avenue United Methodist Church
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome. We're glad to have you with us today. We seek to be a church that welcomes all people. Regardless of who you are, where you're from, what you've done, or whom you love, you are welcome. In the name of Jesus Christ, all are welcome, and all means all.

Gathering of the Congregation

Intrada

Mary Ann Buhler

The Church's One Foundation (Samuel S. Wesley/Lani Smith)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Speak, Lord, in the Stillness

Mary Ann Buhler

(Harold Green/Don Hustad)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Phil Payne, Worship Leader

As a community of faith,
we will strive to live together
in ways which demonstrate these guiding values:

**community, compassion, dignity, discipleship,
hospitality, and spiritual growth.**

College Avenue United Methodist Church appreciates
the diversity within God's people.

**We will strive to uphold a nurturing and
peaceful environment.**

Opening Prayer

Randal Hodgkinson

HYMN

How Great Thou Art

UMH 77

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

RESPONSE TO THE SCRIPTURE READING

Let us take to heart what the Holy Spirit has spoken through this scripture reading. **Amen.**

SONG

Jesus Loves Me, verse 1

UMH 191

A Time for All God's Children

When the children's message has concluded, children ages three years to second grade are welcome to join us in the education room located in the basement to attend Children's Church. For children under three, our nursery is available.

SONG

Jesus Loves Me, verse 3

UMH 191

Special Music

Blessed Assurance

Brady Shanklin

Scripture Reading

Luke 12:32-40 (NRSVue)

³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Sermon

Randal Hodgkinson

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I commit myself to God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I set my heart upon 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, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again**

to judge the living and the dead.

**I place my trust in the Holy Spirit,
the holy church universal,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

UMH 71

Silent Prayers of Confession and Spoken Words of Assurance

*Sin is both a sickness that afflicts us and the ways we wrong
God and one another. We're all both victims and perpetrators.*

Forgiveness and healing begin when we come clean. Clean to God, and clean to ourselves.

HYMN

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

FWS 2246

Intercessory Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

A Child Is Born

Brady Shanklin

RESPONSE

Doxology

UMH 94

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. ^[2]
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

UMH 529

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

Prelude in Classic Style
(Gordon Young)

Mary Ann Buhler

ABOUT THE SERVICE

Please note that **bold type** indicates congregational participation. "UMH" stands for *The United Methodist Hymnal* (red book); "FWS" stands for *The Faith We Sing* (black book); and "WS" stands for *Worship & Song* (green book). For those with small children, we have a nursery located north of the sanctuary in room 207. Another option is our comfort room, also located north of the sanctuary in room 201. This room has a television for watching the service. All-gender (single stall) restrooms with baby changing stations are located north of the sanctuary at the end of the hallway and at the bottom of the central staircase.

NEWSLETTER

CHURCH COUNCIL — The next Church Council meeting will be on Sunday, August 17, at 5:30 p.m.

RENEWAL LEAVE (by John Collins) — I'll be starting renewal leave on July 27, 2025 and won't return until September 1, 2025. During that time a number of folks will be filling the pulpit while Rev. Gary Beach will be filling in for administrative emergencies and Rev. Sandra Moore will be filling in for pastoral care emergencies. You can contact both via the church office at info@caumc.church or 785-539-4191.

BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY (by Catherine Troy) — On Sunday, August 17 we will have our Annual Blessing of the Backpacks. Children are encouraged to bring their backpacks to Worship service to be blessed.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS (by Anna Kozak) Wednesday Night Meals will resume on Wednesday, September 3. We are in need of volunteers to provide these meals. You can sign up as a group or family, or as an individual. Typically, we ask that you plan for approximately 50 people. If you are interested, please contact the office at 785-539-4191, or email at info@caumc.church.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER (by Betty Beach) — Please mark your calendars for Saturday, August 16, and plan to attend the Ogden Friendship House of Hope Spaghetti Supper. Serving hours are from 4-7 p.m. Dine in or carry out. Cost is \$6 for Adults and \$4 for children. This event will be held in the Ogden Community Center at 220 Willow St., Ogden, KS. Your participation will support this special mission organization in our area.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL (by Jennifer Sturges) — Sunday, August 24th, 4:00pm. Bring homemade ice cream and compete for best flavor! Others may bring toppings or desserts. Please bring cash to vote on your favorite flavor of ice cream. All proceeds will go to purchasing new items for the kitchen.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK (by Gary Beach) — The Inquiring Christians adult Sunday School class led by the Rev Gary Beach will begin a new study on August 17 using the book "The Case for Faith - A Journalist Investigates the Toughest Objections to Christianity." The class meets in the church parlor at the far north end of the building. It starts at 9 a.m. due to the fact that a number of persons attending are also in the choir which practices at 10 a.m. on days the choir sings in church. Anyone is welcome to join us as we begin this new study.

SAVE THE DATE! (by Jennifer Sturges) — Christian Family and Friendship committee is hosting an adult trivia night. Sunday, August 10th, 5:00 p.m., Meadowlark restaurant. Pizza bar available. You don't wanna miss it!! Prizes!! Get a team or just come and we will find you a team. If possible, please RSVP to Jennifer Sturges-785-826-0009 or bsturges@cox.net.

EMAIL BLOG UPDATES — Pastor John Collins uses Google Groups to send out blog posts by email every day or so. This way, you can keep up with the blog at revcollins.com by checking your email. You can even reply with an email of your own. Sign up by sending an email to john@revcollins.com with the word "Subscribe" in the memo line.

WORSHIP STREAMING ONLINE — If you can't make it to church, but would like to watch the service online, you can find us by going to www.CAUMC.church, clicking on the Worship tab, then clicking on the Worship Online arrow, or by heading directly over to www.youtube.com/c/caumcMHK.

GIVING ONLINE — Would you like to give to CAUMC without gathering up cash or writing out a check? Please visit our website at www.CAUMC.church, click on the Give button in the upper right corner, then select the Give Online via Vanco box. This will redirect you to our Vanco page, where you can contribute to CAUMC's general fund and special offerings. Vanco also provides the option of a one-time gift or recurring payments. Thank you for supporting our ministries!

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS — If you would like to make a submission to the weekly newsletter, please call the office at 785-539-4191, email caumc.info@gmail.com, or come by. Please note that all submissions must be received by Wednesday at close of business.

PRAYER REQUESTS — Do you have a prayer request? Please visit our website at www.CAUMC.church, click on the Contact Us tab, and select the Prayer Request option to submit your requests and concerns.

LEGACY GIFTS TO THE CHURCH — Have you considered leaving a gift to CAUMC in your estate plan? Kansas Methodist Foundation brochures describing ways to do so are available in the back of the sanctuary.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 (COMMUNION SUNDAY)

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (No Children's Church)
- 10:30 a.m. One and Done Choir Performance
- 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

- 9:30 a.m. TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study via Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. Willing Workers
- 6:00 p.m. Church Ladies Dinner

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

- 12:00 p.m. Church Office Closes
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Mini Mission Trip

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Trivia Night
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

9:00 a.m. Agape
9:30 a.m. TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
1:00 p.m. CFO

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

9:30 a.m. Bible Study via Zoom

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

12:00 p.m. Church Office Closes
2:00 p.m. Game Time

SUNDAY, August 17

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
3:00 p.m. Care Team Meeting
4:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting
4:15 p.m. Christian Family & Friendship Meeting
5:30 p.m. Church Council
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

9:00 a.m. Harvesters Mobile Food Pantry (Set Up)
9:30 a.m. Harvesters Mobile Food Pantry (Distribution)
9:30 a.m. TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly)
7:00 p.m. Eve Kaleidoscope

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

9:00 a.m. MAREA Board Meeting

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

9:30 a.m. Bible Study via Zoom

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

12:00 p.m. Church Office Closes

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

4:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social

7:00 p.m. AI-Anon

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

9:30 a.m. TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

12:00 p.m. UWF Book Club

5:30 p.m. Adult Choir

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

9:30 a.m. Bible Study via Zoom

12:00 p.m. Meadowlark Gathering

5:30 p.m. TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury Group)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

12:00 p.m. Church Office Closes

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

Football Parking

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
5:30 p.m. Youth Group
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 (LABOR DAY)

Office Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:30 a.m. TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:00 a.m. MAREA
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Meal
5:30 p.m. Adult Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:30 a.m. Bible Study via Zoom
11:00 a.m. Willing Workers
6:00 p.m. Church Ladies Dinner

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:00 a.m. First Friday Men's Breakfast
12:00 p.m. Church Office Closes

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
5:30 p.m. Youth Group
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon

NOTES

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