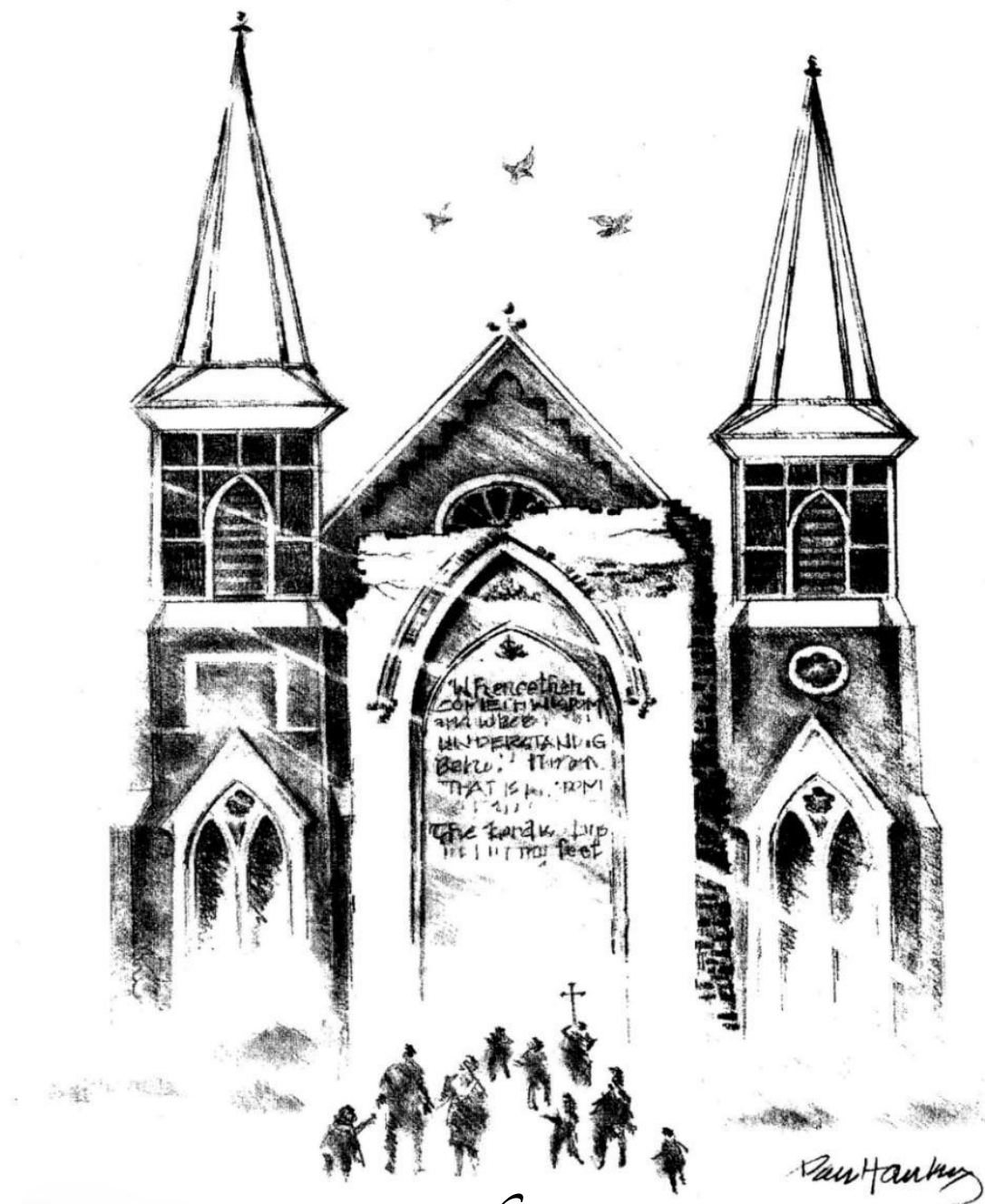




Madison Street

United Methodist Church

Service for the Lord's Day ~ September 13, 2026 ~ 10:15 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

A professionally staffed **nursery** is located through the double doors on the west side (front left) of the sanctuary. Our nursery is available for children and infants through age 3. **Restrooms** are also located through the double doors on the west side (front left) of the sanctuary.

ENTRANCE

The Chiming of the Hour

The Words of Gathering & Invitation to Worship

The Rev. Harriet Bryan

The Prelude

“The Lord Is My Shepherd”

arr. Sam Ellson

Jeffrey Thomas, Organist

+The Call to Worship (+Indicates stand as you're able)

Lucretia Campbell

Leader: When the way before us seems impossible, God is with us.

People: When fear tells us to turn back, God leads us forward.

Leader: The God who made a way through the sea is still at work among us.

People: We will trust God even when we cannot yet see the way.

Leader: God leads us from what holds us captive toward life.

People: We will follow in faith.

+The Processional Hymn No. 127 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CWM RHONDDA

The cross leads the procession as a reminder that Jesus Christ, the Word of God and savior of humanity, is at the center of our worship.

The acolytes light two candles on the altar to symbolize the dual nature of Jesus, fully human and fully divine.

+The Opening Prayer

Lucretia Campbell

God of life and new beginnings,

you call us through the waters

and lead us toward a future we cannot yet see.

When we are afraid, give us courage.

When we are uncertain, help us trust.

When the way ahead seems impossible,

remind us that we do not walk it alone.

Give us grace to follow where you lead,

to make room for hope, to offer one another mercy,

and to bear witness to your life-giving love;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recognition of Choral Scholars

Act of Praise

“Shout to the Lord” (based on Psalm 96)

Darlene Zschech

Madison Street Choir

My Jesus, my Savior; Lord there is none like You.
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter; Tower of refuge and strength.
Let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 14:19–31

The Rev. Bo Myers

+The Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21–35

Rev. Myers

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Next Gen Moment

Rev. Bryan & Patty Nidiffer

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Revs. Bryan & Myers

Family of God:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism

we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.

We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation

and given new birth through water and the Spirit.

All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

I present Theodore Kent Drake for holy baptism.

Pastor addresses the congregation:

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 Theo in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.

We will surround him
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that he may grow in his trust of God,
and be found faithful in his service to others.

We will pray for him,
that he may be a true disciple
who walks in the way that leads to life.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Eternal God...

...Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus...

...and to make disciples of all nations.

**Declare Christ's works to the nations,
his glory among all the people.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit...

...that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory.

**All praise to you, Eternal God,
through your Son Jesus Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns for ever. Amen.**

Baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now it is our joy to welcome
our new sibling in Christ.

**Through baptism
you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit
into God's new creation
and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.
We are all one in Christ Jesus.
With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you
as a member of the family of Christ.**

+The Hymn No. 140

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

During the hymn, children ages Pre-K through Grade 5

will be dismissed to Kids Core to worship in an exciting, child-oriented way!

At the conclusion of worship, dismissal locations are: Pre-K–Kindergarten: Rm. 308, Grades 1–2 Rm. 309, Grades 3–5: Rm. 307

Pre-K–2nd Grade Topic: Crossing the Sea Grades 3–5 Topic: The Exodus

The Sermon “What Is Ours to Do?” Rev. Bryan

The Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer No. 895 Rev. Myers

*If you have a prayer request to share with our pastors, please email us at prayer@madisonstreetumc.org
or fill out a prayer card found in the R.O.W. books and place in the offering plate.*

Mission Moment Rise Against Hunger Tina Campbell, Missions Chair

The Offering of Our Gifts to God Rev. Bryan

*Your generosity enables us to make a difference in our community and world.
To give online, go to madisonstreetumc.org/giving or scan the QR code located on the green online giving card.
To give from your phone, text GIVE2MSUMC to 73256.*

The Offertory “Huitième nocturne” Jeffrey Thomas, Organist
Francis Poulenc

+The Doxology No. 94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

SENDING FORTH

+The Invitation to Christian Discipleship Rev. Bryan

+The Hymn No. 529 “How Firm A Foundation” FOUNDATION

+The Benediction Rev. Bryan

+The Postlude “Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above” Jeffrey Thomas, Organist
arr. Harold DeCou

*The acolytes lead us into the world carrying the light of Christ as a reminder
that God sends each of us into the world to share Christ’s light with others.*

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Frances Davis, from her family.

To donate flowers in September, contact Anne Wall, (931) 206–8919 or annewall@gmail.com.

Worship Leaders in Today’s Service:

The Rev. Harriet Bryan ~ Senior Pastor
The Rev. Bo Myers ~ Associate Pastor
Lucretia Campbell ~ Congregational Care
Patty Nidiffer ~ Interim Next Gen Coordinator
Tina Campbell ~ Missions Chair

Bruce Anderson & Ashley Menard ~ Technical Team
Ember Coleman & Foster Myers ~ Acolytes
Madison Frank ~ Student Conducting Assistant
Jeffrey Thomas ~ Organist
Madison Street Choir

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To contact clergy, the business office, or program staff directly, please email firstname@madisonstreetumc.org. (ex. harriet@madisonstreetumc.org).



CONGREGATIONAL CARE & CONCERNS

We value privacy, and we believe in prayer. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please email prayer@madisonstreetumc.org or call the church office.

We extend Christian sympathy to Mark & Jamie Austin and family after the death of Mark's brother Chris "Sarge" Austin.

Ronnie Albright
Rev. Charles Becher
Shirley Blanck
Desi Burdick
Rita Collett
Rev. Dr. LeNoir Culbertson
Silas Fritts
Sherri Harvill
Kristin Armistead Helms
Elimia Isaacs
Allan Irby

Joe Johnson
Jeff Johnston
Emily Sharp Kidd
Mary Kidd
Joanne Kroll
Ken Kroll
Fred Landiss
Griffin Myers
Tony Nave
Polly Wallace Parker
Chris Patton
Johnny Peay

Carol Pring
James Pring
Ivan Scholle
Molly Shaw
Judy Smith
Morgen Smith
Chris Towe
Rev. Cliff Wright
Elaine Yarzab

Military Families
Suicide Epidemic



Rise
AGAINST HUNGER

**Saturday
September 19
10 a.m. - Noon**

Donate or Volunteer:



Madison Street
United Methodist Church



You can also donate or volunteer at madisonstreetumc.org

This Week at *Madison Street*

Sunday, September 13

8:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Nursery/Childcare Available (2 nd Floor Sanctuary Hall)
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Small Groups (Various Locations)
10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Beyond Limits (Rm. 215 – Sanctuary Hall)
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary & Streaming)
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Church Council (Window Room) (Rescheduled for 9/27)
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Scam Awareness Presentation (Fellowship Hall)
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	UMYF (Hilldale UMC)

Wednesday, September 16

10:30 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting (Rm. 120 – Conference Room)
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	M3 (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Choir (Sanctuary & Choir Room)

Thursday, September 17

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Women of the Word
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl (Library)
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Ability Avengers (Sarah Mann Building)
5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Finance Committee (Rm. 120 – Conference Room)

Saturday, September 19

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Rise Against Hunger (Fellowship Hall)
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Sunday, September 20

8:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Nursery/Childcare Available (2 nd Floor Sanctuary Hall)
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Sunday Morning Small Groups (Various Locations)
10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Beyond Limits (Rm. 215 – Sanctuary Hall)
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary & Streaming)
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Kids Discipleship Meeting (Rm. 120 – Conference Room)
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	UMYF (Hilldale UMC)

**YOU ARE LOVED.
YOUR LIFE MATTERS.**

If you are struggling, please tell someone.

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**SUICIDE & CRISIS
LIFELINE**

To reach one of our pastors, email
prayer@madisonstreetumc.org

Monday, September 21

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
in the MSUMC Window Room

~ **A History of Clarksville** ~
Learn about the newly released book,
Historic Clarksville 1784 – 2024

**Adult
Fellowship**

Presented by Frank Lott – Director
of the Customs House Museum &
Cultural Center

Coffee & Donuts

Let us know **by tonight** if you are planning on eating with us.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
BEGINS SEPT. 9

M3
at MADISON STREET UMC

SERVING LINE OPENS
5:15 P.M.

CHOIRS & PROGRAMMING
6-7 P.M.

Meal • Music • Meaning

Children's Choirs:
Age 3 - 1st Grade
2nd - 5th Grades
6th - 12th Grades
(Nursery for 2 and under)

Adult Offerings:
Games
Free Wifi
Hang Out
Faith, Nation, & Allegiance

Children's Choir Registration



Meal Registration



This Wednesday's Menu:

Taco Bar
Mexican Rice
Dump Cake

Kids' Option: Cheese
Quesadillas & Veggie Sticks

Faith, Nation, & Allegiance

FOLLOWING JESUS IN A DIVIDED TIME

SERIES ONE
Christian Nationalism: What Is It, and Where Did It Come From?

SERIES TWO
What Does Faithful Christian Discipleship Require?

THREE WEEKLY SESSIONS IN EACH SERIES

STARTS SEPTEMBER 16, 6 P.M.
Part of M3. Dinner available before.

Register for Faith,
Nation, & Allegiance
Here!



Faith, Nation, and Allegiance: Following Jesus in a Divided Time

What does it mean to love your country while giving your highest allegiance to Christ?

Faith, Nation, and Allegiance explores Christian nationalism through history, theology, and discipleship. Rather than offering easy answers, this six-session study invites thoughtful conversation about faith, identity, and the witness of the church. Led by Rev. Harriet.

Six sessions, 50 minutes each. Divided into two series. Attend one series or all six.