

The Church in the Wildwood

*An Open & Affirming Community Church
in the United Church of Christ*

July 20, 2025



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*Wherever you are on life's journey,
if you come in peace, you are welcome here.*

July 20, 2025 Order of Worship

A triangle [▲] indicates times when the congregation is invited to stand as able.

Call to Worship

Wildwood Church Bell

Prelude

Organ: Teresa Allen

♪♪ **“Little” Prelude and Fugue in G Major** ♪♪

By Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome

Rev. Darlene Avery

▲ Opening Hymn:

♪♪ **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise** ♪♪

Singing Church Hymnal #30

Organ intro and harmonization: “St. Denio” arr. by Hal H. Hopson

Prayer of Praise & Confession

Glorious Christ, you are the image of the unseen God, the thread holding all creation together— from galaxies to the breath in our lungs. In You, all things are made whole. You walked among us, bearing our wounds, and through love poured out, You reconciled us and the whole cosmos. We praise You— the mystery, the mercy, the hope within us.

And yet we confess: we forget You dwell in all things. We chase lesser lights. We turn to our created things for security and identity, instead of looking to You, the Creator and Sustainer of all. Forgive us, Christ, for shrinking the gospel to fit our comfort. Root us again in Your grace. Let Your justice move through us. May we live this mystery— Christ in us, love alive. Amen.

Passing Christ’s Peace

Reflection Scripture

Colossians 1: 15-28

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Reflection

Pastor Darlene

From "Image of the Invisible," Discipleship Ministries the United Methodist Church:

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/dear-children-of-god-part-2/sixth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-c-lectionary-planning-notes/sixth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-c-preaching-notes>

▲ Song of Response

♪♪ **When Peace Like a River Attendeth** ♪♪

Singing Church Hymnal #330

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Prayer Scripture

Psalm 52

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Prayers of Joy & Concern - Prayer Journal

JOYS:

- the work of Team Rubicon throughout Ute Pass and Teller County to protect our communities from fire and other natural disaster

CONCERNS:

Pastoral Prayer

God of wonder,

You are the image of the invisible—

Holder of all things seen and unseen,

ground of our being, and hope of glory.

We thank You for this community of friends and strangers
joined in song and prayer.

Thank You for the ordinary magic
of gratitude that roots us in Your presence.

By Your reconciling love,

reconnect what is fractured in our lives—

our health, our relationships, our spirits.

Make us channels of Your peace in this congregation:

that when we gather, we embody Christ present in our midst.

For our nation, guide leaders toward justice;
may compassion temper policies,
and may humility outshine self-interest.
Where divisions run deep, bring bridges.
Where violence hides in words, bring truth and healing.

And for your world—where creation groans,
where the poor are trampled, and the earth suffers—
empower us in the reconciling work of Your
Help us care for creation, feed the hungry,
welcome the stranger, and stand with the oppressed.

Christ, image of the invisible,
reveal Yourself in the ordinary rhythms of life—
in breath, in song, in community.
May the mystery of Your presence open our eyes,
tie us in communion, and send us into the world
as emblems of hope, love, and unity.
We pray this in your, name, Jesus,
And pray the prayer you taught us, saying...

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father/Creator, 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 our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 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

Chancel Choir

♪♪ Redemption Song ♪♪

Arr. by Dave Williamson

▲ Offering Response:

Doxology

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Offering Dedication Prayer

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Announcements

Pastor Darlene

- We reached our goal for collecting rulers for the Westside CARES backpack program
- See “This Week at Church in the Wildwood” below

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▲ Sending Hymn

♪♪ **To God Be the Glory** ♪♪

Singing Church Hymnal #35
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Blessing/Benediction

Pastor Darlene

Go now in the grace of God our Creator,
Walk in the love of Christ our Reconciler,
Be led by the breath of the Holy Spirit,
rooting you in hope,
guiding you in justice,
and singing through you the mystery of glory.
No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey—
may you go in peace, to seek peace.
Amen.

Postlude:

Organ: Teresa Allen

♪♪ **We Will Glorify** ♪♪

By Twila Paris, arr. by Fred Bock

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ChatGPT (May 2025 version) [Large language model] from OpenAI was used in developing prayers and liturgy in this service.

This Week at Church in the Wildwood

Sun. July 20 Sunday Worship /Fellowship

- 8:30 a.m. Turning Point AA Group in Rockwell Room
- 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship in Patchell Hall

Mon. July 21 Church Closed/ Organ Committee on exploration trip

Tues. July 22 Office Hours 10:00am - 2:00pm

- 9:00 a.m. Yoga w/ Beth Knox at *Earth Speaks* near Red Butte trailhead
- 12:00 p.m. faith book study group Room *Love Matters More* by Jared Byas in Patchell Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Yoga w/ Lanie at *Earth Speaks* near Red Butte trailhead

Wed. July 23 Church Closed

Thurs. July 24 Office Hours 10:00am - 2:00pm

- 9:00 a.m. Yoga w/ Beth Knox at *Earth Speaks* near Red Butte trailhead
- 10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. in the Chapman Room
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Turning Point AA Group, Chapman Room
- 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Fri. July 25 Church Closed

Sat. July 26 Church Office Closed

- 07:30-10:00am Bronc Day Pancake Breakfast in Tatter Hall
Proceeds benefit the CWW Wildwood Food Pantry

Sun. July 27 Sunday Worship

- 8:30 a.m. Turning Point AA Group in Rockwell Room
- 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Potluck Fellowship in Tatter Hall

SAVE THE DATES:

Sat. Jul 26 Bronc Day Pancake Breakfast in Tatter Hall

- 7:30-10:00am Proceeds benefit the CWW Wildwood Food Pantry

Sun. Aug 24 Sisters Helping Sisters mission in Tatter Hall

Sun. Aug 31 Blessing of the Animals in Courtyarddcx