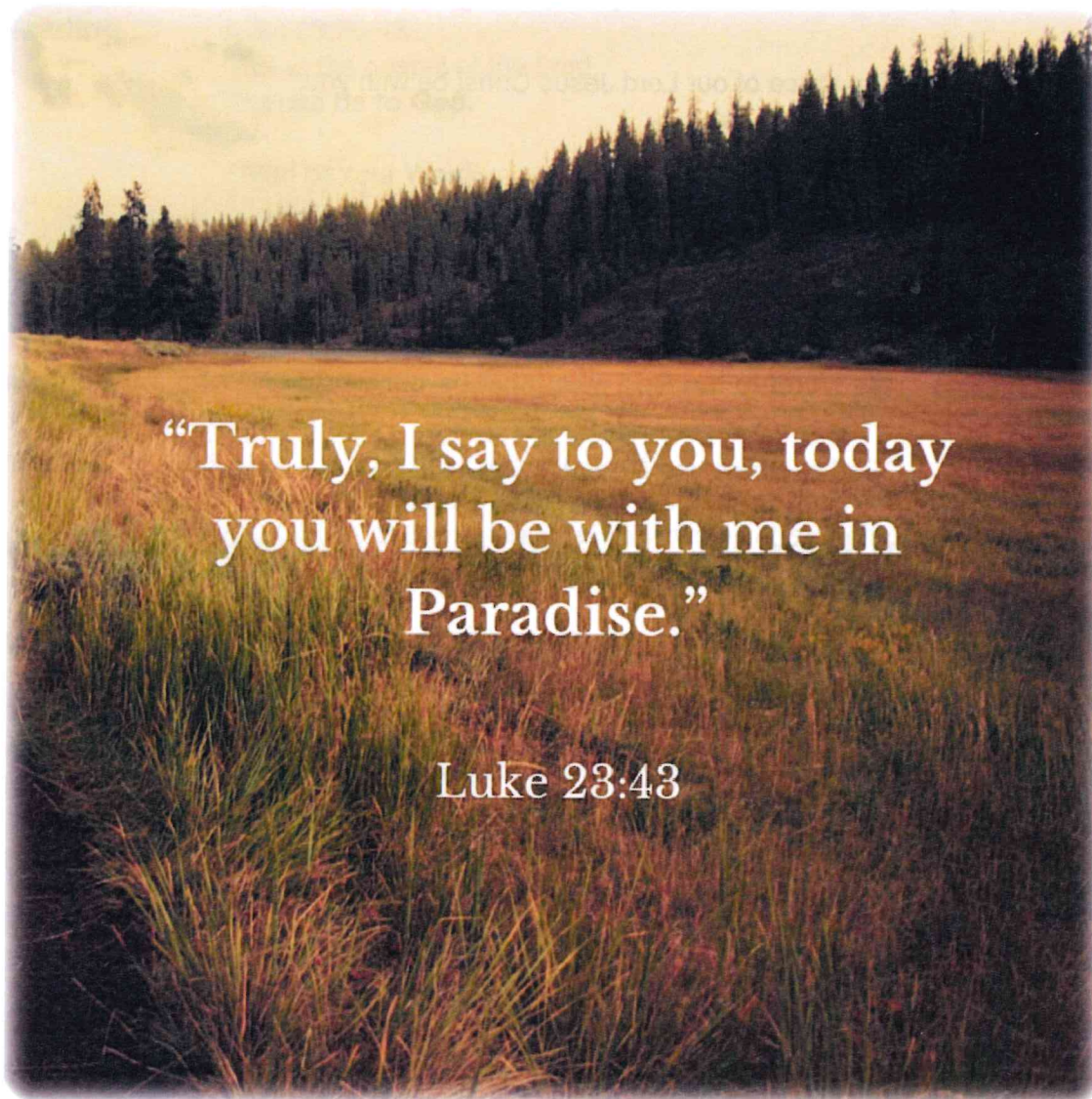


United Presbyterian Church

July 19, 2026
8th Sunday after Pentecost



**“Truly, I say to you, today
you will be with me in
Paradise.”**

Luke 23:43

*To live in this world you must be able to do three things; to love what is mortal;
to hold it against your bones knowing your own life depends on it;
and, when the time comes to let it go, to let it go.*

~ Mary Oliver

Sunday Worship

10:00 am

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
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We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"

CityAlight

You are invited to make the transition from getting here to being here. Be still and know that God is God.

We are claimed by Christ in the waters of baptism; the light of Christ shines in our lives and in the world.

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

+ Invitation to Worship

In the beauty of this moment,
in the fellowship of your people,
in the presence of your Spirit,
in the company of all creation...

We worship the God who inhabits our world and who indwells our lives.

+ Gathering Song 307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

We Offer Our Gratitude

Community Prayer

Tami Van Ras

Gracious God, source of all life, Lord of mercy and grace:
Forgive us when we limit you –
when we remake you in our image,
when we claim our causes as your own,
when we box you in,
and explain you away,
and in our attempts at understanding, whittle away all mystery.
Forgive us for our human impulses, and change us:
awaken us to your relentless love,
shower us with grace so that we will be made new,
recreated in your image,
grateful for all that we are and will become.
In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Silent prayer and reflection

Sung Response 469

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

As you are willing and able, please greet one another with signs of peace.

We Listen & Receive

Time with Children

Children of all ages are invited to come forward.
Nursery and Children's Worship info is on the back of the bulletin.

Scripture Reading

Luke 23:26-43
This is the gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Man of Your Word"

Maverick City Music

Sermon

"How Did He Know?"

Brandon Lewis

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn 223

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Invitation to Give

*We are grateful for the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that you share.
We offer each person an opportunity to connect with giving by placing at least one \$1 in the offering plate.
As we give faithfully, each faithful \$1 will bless the ministry of UPC.*

Offertory

"Thank You Jesus For the Blood"

Charity Gayle

+ Presentation of Gifts & Hymn 614

"Great Are You, Lord"

Sharing Joys & Concerns

*At the conclusion of spoken joys and concerns, let us pray together:
God, in your grace,
Hear our prayer.*

Prayers of the People & 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 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.**

We Are Sent in God's Love

+ Closing Song 700

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

+ Benediction

Postlude

"From the Inside Out"

Joel Houston

Welcome

We are delighted that you have added to the joy of worship this morning at United Presbyterian Church. We proclaim that ALL people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person is a beloved child of God, worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome all, celebrating our differences while finding unity in Jesus Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey - whatever grief, joy, or doubts you may bring today—you are welcome here.

Announcements

July's Shopping Cart Mission: Our mission this month is a for the **The Children's Place**. They have made out their wish list so watch for all the items they listed on the slides this morning. Please place the items in the shopping cart next to the elevator. **Thank you!!!**

Ushers Needed: Would you be willing to usher for one Sunday each month? It's a great way to get to know people. Sign up on the sign up sheet on the information table.

Upcoming Events

Sunday	July 19
10:00 a.m.	Worship
11:30 a.m.	Session Meeting
5:00 p.m.	Corvallis Knights Baseball Game

Monday	July 20
9:00 a.m.	Kid's Camp

Tuesday	July 21
9:00 a.m.	Kid's Camp

Wednesday	July 22
9:00 a.m.	Kid's Camp

Thursday	July 23
9:00 a.m.	Kid's Camp

Serving Today

Thank you to all who served in worship today.

Special Music - Nuclear Chickens

Liturgist — Tami Van Ras

Ushers — Linda Cameron, Elaine Chapman, Billie Jo Cruzan and Peter Troedsson.

Coffee Hour—Deacons

Children's Programs—Brook Gunningham, Aleena Chapell, Meredith Hanson and Logan Breese.

Children's Programs

We are thrilled that you have chosen to bring your family to worship with ours! We believe children soak up the love of God even when they draw and color, read and create, or rest their head in your lap. Please feel welcome to visit our Children's Space located in the Round Room in the back of the sanctuary.

Children's Nursery (Age 0 – 4 yrs)

This is open for infants to 4 years old. In this age, we help guide these curious minds in play and encourage exploration in their environment.

Godly Play (Age 5 – 9 yrs)

Godly play is for children 5 - 9 years old. This is where the children learn about God through stories and explore their own thoughts by having free choice of activities that include a variety of crafts, art, song, and games.

Creative Minds (10 yrs +)

This program is for the youth 10 years old and up. Creative minds uses a combination of technology, art media, games, and service projects to explore our relationship with God, and to encourage one another to grow in our faith, spirituality, and community.

Local Outreach / Ways to Serve

Linn Benton Food Share—Packing boxes of food for families who suffer from food insecurities. The next time will be **Thursday, TBD at 5:00 - 7:00 pm** at the Linn Benton Food Share Warehouse, 33900 Looney Ln., Tangent, OR 97389.

Prayers & Praise

Please send prayers of comfort and healing for:

*Greg and Linda Anable
Beverly Beckendorf and her daughter, Emily
Nancy Goode
Nancy and Steve Hammond and Family
Linda Kleven
Nancy and Al Lochner*

CHURCH STAFF

Brandon Lewis, Pastor

Tami Van Ras, Pastoral Assistant

Sienna Bogart, Director of The Children's Place

Meredith Hanson, Children's Ministries Director

Deborah Beier, Office Manager

Barbara Clauson, Interim Choir Director

Kason Stevens, Facilities-Manager

Andrea Recek, Pianist

Tao Li, Organist

Jim Cole, Nathan Reid, or Chris Misa, AV Techs

Logan Breese or Greg Sutton, Bus Driver

