

August 16 2026 * 10:30 a.m.

We Gather

Music to Prepare our Hearts

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"Festive Prelude on 'All Creatures of Our God and King'"

We Encounter Christ

Call to Worship

Song of Praise

"Gather Us In"

Third Grade Bible Presentation

Time of Prayer

Children's Message

Psalm 133

Back to School Blessing

Congregational Singing

"God of All Learning"

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:13-16 / Jeremiah 29:4-7

Sermon

"Packed with Purpose"

We Respond and Go Forth

Giving Our Tithes and Our Offerings

"Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam/This Little Light of Mine"

Hymn of Dedication

"O God of Light, May Our Light Shine"

Benediction and Postlude

WELCOME

We are glad you are worshiping with us today at Leawood United Methodist Church! Learn more about us at www.leawoodumc.org or find us on Facebook and Instagram.

COMFORT ROOM

Children are always welcome in our sanctuary. We also have a comfort room available at the back of the sanctuary, if you would like to use it. For their safety, we ask that children be supervised at all times.

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR FAMILY?

We would love for you to make Leawood UMC your church home. Contact the church office for more information.

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Leawood United Methodist Church provides a safe environment for children, youth, and vulnerable adults.

Our staff and volunteers receive Safe Gatherings training and certification as required by the Great Plains Conference.



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WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Music and Liturgy:

— This morning's Prelude, "Festive Prelude on 'All Creatures of Our God and King'," is arranged and copyright by Paul Fey.
— Today's Call to Worship is written by Henrietta Stith Andrews (www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways). The Back to School blessing/prayer is written by Rev. Dr. Tyler Kaufmann.
— Congregational Songs today include "Gather Us In" (words/music: Marty Haugen, 1982 GIA Publications, Inc.), "God of All Learning" (music: Traditional Gaelic melody/words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2015), and "O God of Light, May Our Light Shine (music: Appalachian Folk melody/words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2005).
— The Offertory, "Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam/This Little Light of Mine," is arranged and copyright by Anne Britt.

Today's Participants:

— Join us in congratulating today's recipients of the Third Grade Bibles, Wesley Murphy and Sawyer Martin. Wesley and Sawyer, may God's Word guide you as you grow and fill you with hope wherever you may go!
— Today's *Musicians* are Lori Adami—piano/organ and Melanie Melcher Cuthbertson — song leader.
— Anne Byrd is giving today's *Children's Message*.
— Today's *Acolyte* is Sam Lendt.
— The *Audio/Visual Team* this morning includes Brian Lendt and Gavin Lendt.

Catch our worship online at www.leawoodumc.org or via YouTube.
Gluten-free bread is used when Holy Communion is served.

SERMON NOTES

"Packed with Purpose (Blessing Carried into the World)"

God does not give us Scripture, school supplies, talents, volunteers, ministries, and backpacks so we can keep them to ourselves. God packs us with purpose (blesses us and equips us), so we can become salt and light for others. Today is about becoming the kind of church that carries blessing into the world.



SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

J.O.Y. (Jesus Others and You) 9:00 a.m. | Education Wing #120 | Adult topical, book-based supportive study group

SPIRIT CLASS 9:00 a.m. | Education Wing #121 | Adult Bible study and reflection

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 a.m. | Education Wing #122 and #125 | Preschool through 6th Grade

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 a.m. | Youth Room (lower level) | 7th—12th Grade

GIVING

Thank you for supporting the ministries of Leawood United Methodist Church through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. You may make a financial gift to the church through the Sunday worship offering or online at www.leawoodumc.org.

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.*