

LISBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 6, 2026

*Welcome! We are delighted to have you worship with us and pray that God richly blesses you this day. The ** sign indicates that those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand. All are invited to join in speaking where the bolded words appear.*

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude, Lighting of the Candles, Time of Quiet Reflection
Welcome

Call to Worship: (based on Psalm 119)

Jen Farrin

L: The time is near!

P: Live in the light of God's love.

L: Set aside selfish ways.

P: Share Christ's love wherever you are.

L: The time is near!

P: Let us worship God.

****Opening Hymn: Cry of My Heart TFWS #2165**

Opening Prayer: (Based on Matthew 18)

Holy God, we sing your songs of praise.

We rejoice in your love.

We know that when we gather, you are here with us.

Build us into a faithful community-

**a community that cares for one another,
and listens to one another in love.**

Living your law of love,

help us follow you onto new paths.

We pray this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

We Meet the Word Proclaimed

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 149:1-6

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:15-20

Pastor Jen

Response to the Word

L: The Word of God, for us the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn of Preparation: Though I May Speak UMH #408**

Children's Message

Message: *We Have to Talk*

We Respond with Prayer and Thanksgiving

Prayer Hymn: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* 2193 TFWS

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

After each prayer request, please join in the response:

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

After each joy, please join in the response:

Praise God, **Alleluia!**

Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* 2193 TFWS

Offering Our Gifts to God

****Song of Thanksgiving:**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

****Prayer of Dedication: (based on Romans 13)**

O God, receive these gifts as offerings of our love. Bless them with your grace, that all who receive them may be covered in compassion and led by hope. In your holy name we pray, AMEN.

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*Move to the bulletin insert for the Great Thanksgiving
Sung responses can be found on page 17 of the UMH*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Merciful God, we confess that we do not always live in the loving community you call us to be.

P: Forgive us when we hold onto anger instead of seeking reconciliation.

L: Forgive us when we avoid difficult conversations, remain silent, or speak about others instead of speaking with them.

P: Give us courage to speak with love and humility.

L: Forgive us when we are more concerned with being right than with being reconciled.

P: Give us hearts ready to listen, forgive, and begin again.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

L: Gracious God, thank you for reminding us that your grace is greater than our failures and your love is stronger than our divisions.

All: Make us instruments of your peace and reconciliation.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION:

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit. May we give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, and Savior. AMEN.

We Go Out to Love and Serve

****Closing Hymn:** *They Will Know We are Christians TFWS #2223*

Announcements

BENEDICTION

Leader: Go forth with the blessings of the One who makes us whole.

People: We go forth with the blessings of God, who bathes us in the power of the Holy Spirit! Amen!

*Boldly Caring for our
Community*



Grounded in God's Love

Lisbon United Methodist Church
welcomes, nurtures, and serves
all people, with the love of Christ.