

# LISBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 13, 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 Matthew 18)

Leader: Welcome to you, the weak and the strong.

**People: Jesus Christ welcomes us here.**

Leader: Welcome to you, sinners and saints.

**People: God's grace embraces us all.**

Leader: Welcome to you, forgiven and forgiving.

**People: The Spirit binds us in unity and love.**

**ALL: Let us worship God!**

**\*\*Opening Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee #89 UMH**

Opening Prayer: **God of Grace and Love, bind us together this day. Even as you have welcomed us, so may we welcome one another. Speak to our hearts, that we may hear your words and heed your call to live as a community of acceptance and love. AMEN.**

## We Meet the Word Proclaimed

Ministry of Music

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 114 (The Message)

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Response to the Word

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Hymn of Preparation: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian #402 UMH**

Lisbon UMC Puppet Theater

Message: *Put Down the Calculator*

## We Respond with Prayer and Thanksgiving

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

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:*

**Alleluia**

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lords Prayer

**Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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, for ever. Amen.**

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

Offering Our Gifts to God

**\*\*Song of Thanksgiving:**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

# 95 UMH

**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: O God, we dedicate ourselves—our time, our resources, and our relationships—to You. As we offer these gifts and our very lives to Your service, teach us to extend the same limitless grace we received from You. May our actions show kindness, may our words offer healing, and may our communities reflect Your forgiving Kin-dom day after day. In Jesus' holy name, we pray, AMEN.**

We Go Out to Love and Serve

**\*\*Closing Hymn: *In the Midst of New Dimensions* #2238 TFWS**

Announcements

Responsive Benediction:

Leader: We have gathered together,  
And God has been with us.

**People: We go forth to serve,  
And God goes before us.**

Leader: Go with the power of God!

**People: Amen.**

**\*\*Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Judy Rathbun

Video Production: Dean Logan and Greg Shaw

Organist and Choir Director: Debbie Greim

Pastor Jen Reed

Today's worship liturgy comes from The Abingdon Worship Annual  
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*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.