



# Midland First United Methodist Church

Order of Worship for Sunday, July 14, 2024  
8th Sunday after Pentecost

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** "Down By the Riverside"  
Midland Saxophone Quartet

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**  
Leader: Beloved of God, the deep, deep, love of Jesus invites us in, to know Him and to be known by our neighbor.  
**Congregation: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is patient, He is kind. Jesus is Love itself.**  
Leader: Without God we do not know love. We love others because He first loved us.  
**Congregation: May we follow in your footsteps, Jesus, in rightly ordered love and holiness. Be the Lord of us. May we walk humbly with you and joyfully invite others to do the same.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Alleluia, Alleluia" UMH #162

**\*AFFIRMATION LITANY** A Modern Affirmation UMH #885

**CHILDREN'S SONG** "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

**CHILDREN'S BLESSING**  
Following the Children's Blessing, all children are invited to join us for Sunday School in P4.

**PRAYER SONG** "Cares Chorus" TFWS #2215

## COMMUNITY PRAYER

**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.**

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**  
Please sign the friendship notepads.

**OFFERTORY GIFT TO GOD** "Amazing Grace"  
Midland Saxophone Quartet

**\*DOXOLOGY** "Doxology" See Screen

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**THEME SONG** "Ancient Words" See Screen

**READING OF THE WORD** 1 Corinthians 13:1-7, 13  
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** "Love Is" Rev. Jeremy Africa

**\*HYMN** "Pass It On" UMH #572

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** "Let My People Go (Go Down Moses)"  
Midland Saxophone Quartet

\*Please stand if able

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**Welcome!** May your time in worship this morning be meaningful. It is our hope and prayer that you find the presence of God and a spirit of friendship and caring. Please join us for refreshments following worship in the Parlor. If you are visiting for the first time, we would like to share a gift with you.

The Nursery is open during worship for children from birth through the age of 3. Busy bags for preschoolers are available in P4.

## First Glance

### Sun July 14, 2024

9:30 am Family Sunday School, P4  
10 am Combined Worship Service  
11 am Sunday Friendship Lunch  
7 pm NextGen Concert Series

### Tue July 16, 2024

6:30 pm Boy Scouts

### Fri July 19, 2024

11 am Men's Small Group  
7 pm AA Meeting

### Sun July 21, 2024

9:30 am Family Sunday School, P4  
10 am Combined Worship Service  
11 am Sunday Friendship Lunch  
4 pm Accounting Meeting

## Save the Date

### Thur August 8, 2024

8 am Family Day of Prayer

### Sun August 11, 2024

7 pm NextGen Concert Series

### Sun September 8, 2024

10 am Kick-Off Sunday

**The Blessing Box is in need of sustainable items:**

- Toilet paper
- Feminine Products
- Shampoo
- Canned goods (ravioli, Spaghetti O's, tuna, chicken)
- Canned fruit and veggies
- Cereal
- Pasta (mac & cheese, Rice a Roni)
- Granola bars
- Beef jerky
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Bar Soap
- Laundry detergent pods
- Paper towels

Thank you!



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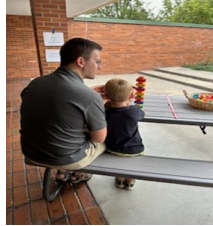
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**NEXT GENERATION MUSIC CONCERT SERIES 2024**



**JULY 14 @ 7PM**  
Oakland University Chorale



**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**

**FAMILY DAY OF PRAYER**

**Thursday, August 8th, 2024**

**8:00 am - 8:00 pm**

**Please join us...we each have an inner child who can help us connect with God.**



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