PRELUDE…….……Tom Fuchsen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
-Please sign the attendance pad and place it in the offering plate.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP
L: Even though we don't always feel it, God is with us.
P: The darkness and doubt of the world can threaten to consume us.
L: Yet God is with us.
P: All around us, there is fear and hopelessness.
L: God brings to us hope and peace. We place our trust in God's abundant love.
P: Let us freely and without fear open our hearts to God's healing words of hope. AMEN.

*UNISON PRAYER
God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, we barely remember all that has gone before. Our memories of former glory are filtered through so many experiences, through joy and through pain. Our today is blurred by our anxieties and our fears, and we cannot always see what you are doing in our midst. Forgive our shortsightedness. Forgive our focus on a misremembered history. Forgive our reluctance to embrace what you are bringing to life among us. Amen

HYMN……...……..“America the Beautiful”……..……..…UMH #696

JOYS and CONCERNS
PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY INVITATION *Scan here to give electronically*
OFFERTORY……..……Tom Fuchsen
*DOXOLOGY…….“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”…...……UMH #94

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN……..…...…“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”……..……..…...UMH #127

SCRIPTURE READING……..……....Romans 7:14-25, Pew Bible Pg. #1716-1717
…….Matthew 11:16-19 & 27-30, Pew Bible Pg. #1485 & 1486
Liturgist, Brad Johnson

SERMON……..……..…..……..“The Great Conundrum”
Rev. Michael Slininger

COMMUNION……..…..……..…..…UMH #13-15

HYMN……“My Hope is Built”……..…..UMH #368

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE……..……..Tom Fuchsen
*Please stand as able

Notes: _____

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, July 5 *Romans 7:14-25* *Matthew 11:16-19 & 27-30*	9:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:45 AM Fellowship (Narthex) 10:45 AM Adult Education (Fireside Room)
Monday, July 6 ****VBS 6-8 PM**** **At 1st Congregational Church**	9:30 AM Essentrics (Wesley Room) 10:00 AM Chair Yoga (Wesley Room) 4:30 PM Missions (Fireside Room) ~~6:00 PM SPRC (Fireside Room)~~
Tuesday, July 7 ****VBS 6-8 PM**** **At 1st Congregational Church**	12:00 PM Instructor Lead Chair-Yoga (Wesley Room)
Wednesday, July 8 ****VBS 6-8 PM**** **At 1st Congregational Church**	9:30 AM Essentrics (Wesley Room) 10:00 AM Chair Yoga (Wesley Room) 1:00 PM Men's Bible Study (Narthex) 2:00-4:00 PM Loom Work Session (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday, July 9	12:00 PM Instructor Lead Chair-Yoga (Wesley Room)
Friday, July 10	Office Closed
Saturday, July 11	2:00 PM Prayer Group (Chapel)
Sunday, July 12 Genesis 25:27-34 Matthew 13:1-9 & 18-23	9:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:45 AM Fellowship (Narthex) 10:45 AM Adult Education (Fireside Room)

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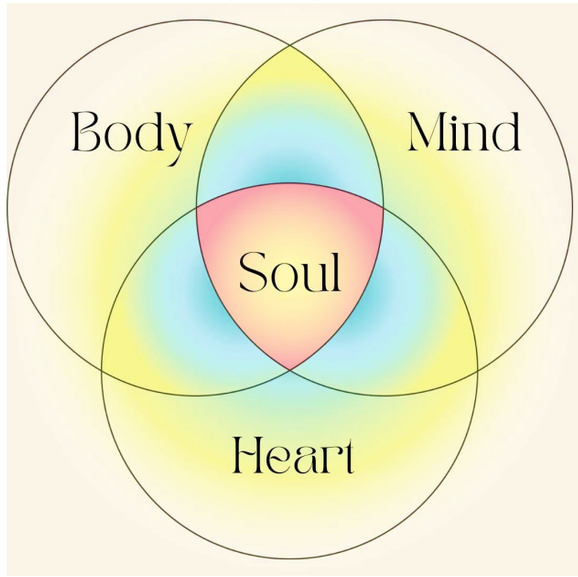
9:30 A.M.

Sunday, July 5, 2026



"The Great Conundrum"

Grace Mission Statement:

Everyone is invited to know and feel God's love, experience spiritual growth, encounter forgiveness, receive respect, and gain hope.