PRELUDE…….“Before and Behind”……..…Praise Team

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 is freely and without fear open our hearts to God's healing words of hope.**

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. In Jesus' name Amen.**

PRAISE SONG……..……“God You Reign”……..…..…Praise Team

JOYS AND CONCERNS
PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY INVITATION **Scan here to give electronically**

OFFERTORY…..…….“O How He Loves You and Me”..…..…Praise Team

*DOXOLOGY…“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”…UMH #94
PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN…….……“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”……UMH #110

SCRIPTURE READING…….Genesis 29:15-28, Pew Bible Pg. #42-43
…….Matthew 13:44-52, Pew Bible Pg. #1490-1491
……...Liturgist, Kristin Schwenneker

SERMON…….……..…“Work Life Balance”
Rev. Michael Slininger

*PRAISE SONG……..…..…..“He Reigns”…….……..…..Praise Team

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE……..…..……..…..……...Praise Team
*Please stand as able

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

## Week of July 26-August 2, 2026

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| **Sunday, July 26**<br>*Genesis 29:15-28*<br>*Matthew 13:44-52* | 9:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)<br>10:45 AM Fellowship (Narthex)<br>10:45 AM Adult Education (Fireside Room)<br>6:00 PM Common Bond Quartet (Sanctuary) |
| **Monday, July 27** | 9:30 AM Essentrics (Wesley Room)<br>10:00 AM Chair Yoga (Wesley Room) |
| **Tuesday, July 28** | 9:00 AM-3:00 PM WWWL (Fellowship Hall)<br>12:00 PM Instructor-led Yoga (Wesley Room) |
| **Wednesday, July 29** | 9:30 AM Essentrics (Wesley Room)<br>10:00 AM Chair Yoga (Wesley Room)<br>1:00 PM Men's Bible Study (Narthex)<br>2:00-4:00 PM Loom Work Session (Fellowship Hall) |
| **Thursday, July 30** | 12:00 PM Instructor-led Yoga (Wesley Room)<br>5:00 PM-7:00 PM Root Beer Floats (Fellowship Hall steps) |
| **Friday, July 31** | Office Closed |
| **Sunday, August 2**<br>***Bri Pullen***<br>*Hebrews 2:10-18* | 9:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)<br>10:45 AM Fellowship (Narthex)<br>10:45 AM Adult Education (Fireside Room) |

### Announcements:

*Next Prayer group: August 8th & every other Saturday

*If you have things that need to be shared/dates changed/etc, communicated to the congregation, please communicate that to Jenn Ingledue, Bri Pullen AND Alison Hermon. This is easiest done by email to office@spencergumc.com or you can send to each individual jingledue@spencergumc.com AND ahermania92@gmail.com AND bpullen@spencergumc.com

Thank you! This ensures we get it to all the right places. 😊

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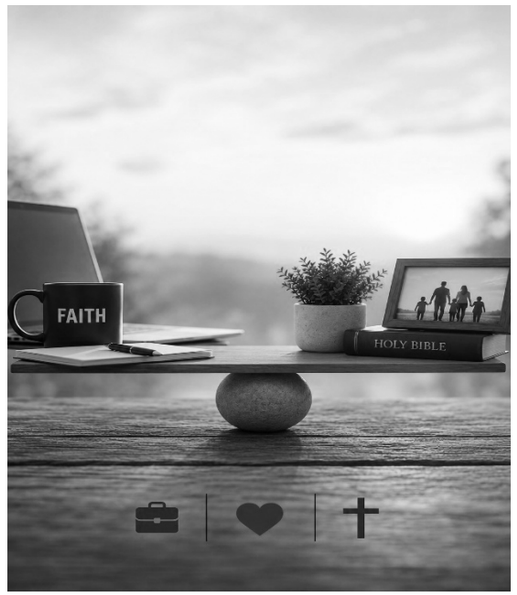
9:30 A.M.

Sunday, July 26, 2026




*"Work Life Balance"*

### Grace Mission Statement:

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