



City Road Chapel
United Methodist Church
Madison, Tennessee

August 23, 2026

4th Sunday

*We invite you to silence your phones before the start of worship.
Please stand during the sections marked with an **

Gathering

Lighting of the Candles – Acolytes

** Please stand*

Welcome and Ministry Updates

The Chapel Chronicle Headline Highlights:

- Church calendar
- Prayer requests
- Birthdays/Anniversaries

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Praise

***The Call to Worship**

Leader:

Come near to God, and God will come near to you.

Congregation:

We lay down our heavy burdens and our hidden fears.

Leader:

Happy are those whose wrongs are forgiven and whose guilt is washed away.

Congregation:

**When we keep silent, our hearts grow weary.
When we confess, God restores our strength.**

Leader:

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and the Lord will lift you up.

All:

We come into this space to receive God's healing love and share grace with one another. Let us worship God.

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Songs of Praise

♪ **Blessed be the Lord God Almighty** - (on screen)

♪ **Blessed be the Name of the Lord** - 2034 - The Faith We Sing

♪ **I Exalt Thee** - (on screen)

♪ **Give Thanks** - 2036 - The Faith We Sing

***Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified dead and buried;
The third day he rose from the dead,
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.

Amen

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***Giving Glory to God (The Gloria Patri)**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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Listening for God to Speak

Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle

accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

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The Word in Song
Anita Bingaman

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The Word Proclaimed
Pastor Rena Knight
"Forgiveness"

Forgive them for they know not what they do!
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Invitation to Christ

Hymn of Response
♪ While We Are Waiting Come - (on screen)

Tithes and Offering Stewards

Celebrating God's Gifts
Every time you give, you help make ministry happen at City Road Chapel. Your generosity helps us worship together, reach out to our neighbors, support those who need a helping hand, and create a place where people can find friendship, prayer, and belonging. We are grateful for every person who helps make this work possible.
Offerings may be placed in the collection during worship, or you can give online at www.cityroadchapel.org/give.

***Giving Thanks for God's Gift**
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

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Prayers of the Community
Please wait for the microphone - and remember to say your name so everyone will know you.

- ▶ Sharing of Joys & Concerns
 - ▶ The Prayers of the People
 - ▶ 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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Our Choral Benediction
SPIRIT SONG

Oh let the Son of God, enfold you
With His Spirit and His love
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
Oh let Him have the things that hold you
And His Spirit, like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole

Chorus:
Jesus, oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs
Jesus, oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs

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