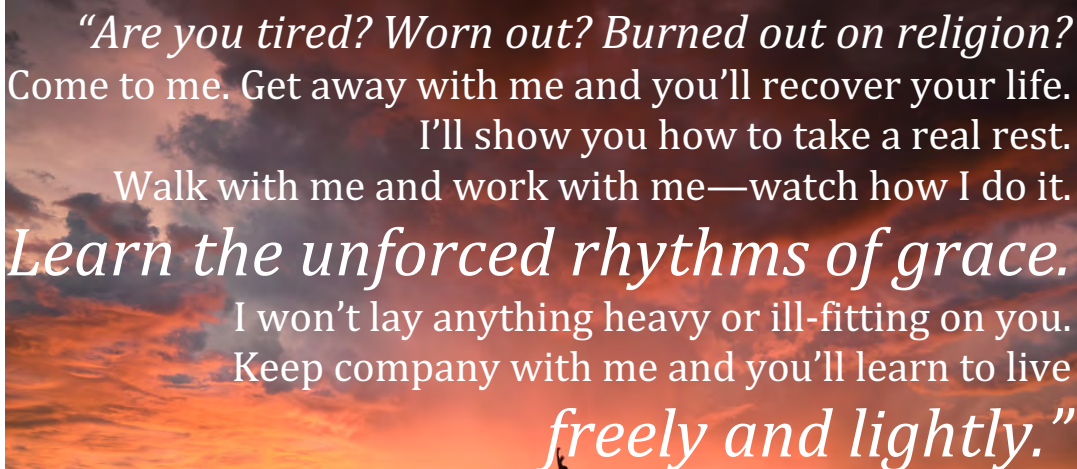




# United Methodist Church of Gilbert

**Sunday, June 29, 2025, 8:00 & 9:30 AM**

**Third Sunday after Pentecost, Year C**



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**freely and lightly."***

**We recognize the sacred value and worth of all persons.** So no matter what you believe or questions you may have. No matter what economic status, color of skin, gender identity, origin, ability, no matter who you love. You are welcome in this space, at this time ... to be met by God who knows your heart and knows your name and desires to be in a relationship with you!

**Welcome to the journey toward God!**

*During our services, we will be capturing video footage and photos to share with our online community to extend our worship experience to those who cannot join us in person.*

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UMH 117 vs 1-2, 6

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**Preparing Our Hearts: Question of the Day**

Pastor Adriana

**Message**

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**Song of Response**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

UMH 140 vs 1-3

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**Offering**

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**Offertory**

“Reach Out and Touch” Charles F. Brown

Marilyn

Harter

**Doxology**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 95

**\*Closing Song**

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

UMH 361 vs 1 & 3

**Benediction**

Pastor Adriana

**Postlude**

“This Is My Song” Jean Sibelius

Marilyn Harter

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in the Activity Center (on the left as you exit)!***

## HEAT RELIEF DONATIONS

Now through August, donations of water and other heat relief items requested by the City of Gilbert can be brought to the church.

**Cases of Water, Single Electrolyte Packets, Sunscreen, Cooling Towels & Lip Balm**



## BACKPACK & SUPPLY DRIVE

*Let's help students start the school year strong!*

Our Missions Team has been asked to collect specific school supplies to support local children in need. You can drop off your donations on the **church patio** on the following Sundays: **June 29, July 6, and July 13**

### Requested Supplies:

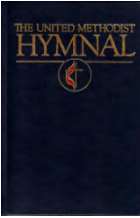
- 2-pocket folders
- Composition notebooks (*no spirals*)
  - Pencils
  - Colored pencils
- Dry erase markers
- Backpacks (*individually selected—no bulk orders, please*)

Your generosity makes a difference! Every item helps a child feel confident and ready to learn this fall. Thank you for being the hands and heart of Christ in our community.



*Check the photo reference for the types of items we're collecting.*

## Summer Class:



### **Final week of A Tour Through the United Methodist Hymnal**

This class will explore the wide variety of history, prayer, hymnal topics, and mysteries that can be found within the cover of our hymnal. Led by Marilyn Harter. No supplies and no fees, just musical intrigue.

**Day Class on Thursday:** from 1pm – 2pm on July 3

**Evening Class on Wednesday:** from 6pm-7pm on July 2

## Where in the World Is Sierra Service Project?

**Follow our youth as they serve, learn, and grow in San Diego's South Bay!**

**This Sunday our students and leaders met at 6am to leave for their mission trip to San Diego, California June 20- July 5, 2025.**

Sierra Service Project (SSP) is a long-standing mission organization that provides meaningful service-learning experiences for youth and young adults. Rooted in the values of justice, compassion, and community, SSP creates opportunities for volunteers to serve through home repair and community-based projects. These repairs help historically underserved residents—especially elders—remain safely in their homes, while also allowing young people to grow in faith, skill, and purpose.

Since its founding in 1975 by United Methodist ministers, SSP has partnered with



more than forty Indigenous communities, as well as rural and urban neighborhoods across the Western United States. This summer, SSP will continue its work in San Diego's South Bay, a diverse region near the U.S.-Mexico border. There, they will focus on the intersection of immigration, economic disparity, and environmental justice, partnering with local churches, city governments, and community organizations to

meet real, pressing needs.

Many residents in South Bay face housing and food insecurity and often cannot afford critical home repairs. Volunteers from SSP will help address these issues while learning about the region's challenges, including the environmental impacts on the Tijuana River estuary and cross-border communities. As a congregation, we are proud to support this mission of hope and transformation that equips young people to be agents of justice and healing in the world.

**Learn more at [www.sierraserviceproject.org](http://www.sierraserviceproject.org)**

# Coming Up in Youth:

July 6- No Youth Group

July 13- Youth Council Meeting 11am

July 16th? (Lake Day, Approx. 9am-2pm, Canyon/Boulder Rec

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"I Speak Jesus"

Praise

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UMH 95

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"Forever"

Praise Team

**Benediction**

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# TODAY, June 29, 2025

## Last Day for Choir and Church Campout

6 am **Youth Left for Mission trip to San Diego, CA with Sierra Service Project**

8 am **Worship** (Sanctuary), **Nursery, Children's Sunday School** (PreK Rm144)

9 am **Welcome Time:** Snacks, conversation and connection (Activity Center & Patio)

9:30 am **Worship** (Sanctuary and gilbertumc.org), **Nursery, Children's Summer Sunday School** (Room 205), **Jr High** (Room 200), **Sr High** (Room 201)

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## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

*For Bible studies, support groups, scouting and more, go online to [GilbertUMC.org](http://GilbertUMC.org).*

### Tuesday, July 1

<b>Women's Bible Study</b>	9:15 am	Room 130
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### Wednesday, July 2

<b>Chat 'n' Chew</b> Gather to share lunch and chat	12:00 Noon	Room 136
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<b>A Tour through UMC Hymnal</b> Marilyn Harter	6:00pm	Room 136
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### Thursday, July 3

<b>Men's Fellowship Breakfast</b> Art Wirtz	8:00am	Crowned Egg
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<b>A Tour through UMC Hymnal</b> Marilyn Harter	1:00pm	Room 136
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### Friday, July 4 – Office Closed

## FOR THE CALENDAR

June 29-July 5<sup>th</sup> Youth Mission Trip to Sierra Service Project in California

July 6 Pastoral Reappointment and Annual Conference Report at 8 and 9:30 AM

July 19 All Church Potluck Saturday Night!

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