



August 2, 2026
11 A.M. Worship Service

Gathering Meditation

"The miracle of Communion means the rich bowing down with the poor, the learned with the unlearned, the clean with the filthy, the master with the slave, the privileged with the deprived, the white with the black, and the black with the white."

—Rosa Page Welch, 20th-century African-American Disciples singer

Order of Worship

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour

Let us take a quiet moment to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Welcome

Val Cunningham

The Community Gathers

Prelude

Come, Christians Join to Sing

Pepper Choplin

*Call to Worship

Sara Leslie

Leader: The table of God's love is set before us, and the invitation goes out to the highways and the byways.

People: We come—not because we are worthy by our own power, but because we are warmly invited.

Leader: God's house is full, and everything is ready. Leave behind your worries and your busy claims.

People: We open our hearts to feast on God's grace, mercy, and peace.

Leader: Come, let us worship God together with great joy!

*Opening Hymn 386

We Come as Guests Invited

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Invocation

Rev. Will Horn

Musical Response 281

Creator, Spirit, Hear Us Sing

TALLIS' CANON

Dismissal for Children's Church

Children ages five through fifth grade may leave with the adult leaders for Children's Worship. They are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary with their parents.

The Community Proclaims God's Word

Scripture Reading

Luke 14:15-24

Sara Leslie

One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, "Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" Then Jesus said to him, "Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is ready now.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.' Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.' Another said, 'I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.' So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.' And the slave said, 'Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.' Then the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house

may be filled. For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.' ”
(NRSVUE)

Al oír esto, uno de los que estaban sentados a la mesa con Jesús le dijo: —¡Dichoso el que coma en el banquete del reino de Dios! Jesús contestó: —Ciertamente un hombre preparó un gran banquete e invitó a muchas personas. A la hora del banquete mandó a su siervo a decirles a los invitados: “Vengan, porque ya todo está listo”. Pero todos, sin excepción, comenzaron a disculparse. El primero dijo: “Acabo de comprar un terreno y tengo que ir a verlo. Te ruego que me disculpes”. Otro indicó: “Acabo de comprar cinco yuntas de bueyes y voy a probarlas. Te ruego que me disculpes”. Y otro alegó: “Acabo de casarme y por eso no puedo ir”. El siervo regresó y le informó de esto a su señor. Entonces el dueño de la casa se enojó y ordenó a su siervo: “Sal de prisa por las plazas y los callejones del pueblo y trae acá a los pobres, a los lisiados, a los ciegos y a los cojos”. “Señor —dijo luego el siervo—, ya hice lo que usted me mandó, pero todavía hay lugar”. Entonces el señor respondió: “Ve por los caminos y las veredas, y oblígales a entrar para que se llene mi casa. Les digo que ninguno de aquellos invitados disfrutará de mi banquete”.
(NVI)

Special Music *Come to the Banquet* arr. Joseph Martin

Sermon “There Is Still Room at the Table” Rev. Will Horn

Musical Response 294 *Here We Gather as God’s People* NETTLETON

Prayers of the People Rev. Dr. Roger Wedell

The Lord’s Prayer Congregation

Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kin-dom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For yours is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Call to Giving John Nation

Responsive Hymn 379 *Accept, O God,
the Gifts We Bring* ELLACOMBE

The Community Is Empowered at the Table

Passing of the Peace Rev. Will Horn

Communion Hymn 485 *Diverse in Culture,
Nation, Race* TALLIS’ CANON

Invitation to the Table Mark Holmgren

Prayer over the Elements Mark Holmgren

Words of Institution Rev. Will Horn

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing the Cup

Those who are able are invited to come forward down the center aisle, receive the elements and partake by intinction. Those serving will tear a piece of bread. You will dip it in the cup. You may return to your seat via the side aisles. The Table of the Lord is open to all. Christ invites us into communion.

The Community is Sent to Restore God's World

Invitation to Join

Mark Holmgren

***Invitation Hymn 337** *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*

GALILEE

***Benediction**

Rev. Will Horn

Postlude

All Who Hunger Gather Gladly

arr. Cindy Berry

*Please rise in either body or spirit.

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INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP

You are invited to meet after worship with the Elder offering the invitation,
or contact the church office any time.

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

"Reaffirming our own faith in Jesus Christ, we welcome you into this expression of God's universal church. We meet you with love, we commit ourselves to your care, and we celebrate your presence in our congregation. Through the power of God's spirit, let us together do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God, who strengthens us to serve one another."

BIENVENIDA CONGREGACIONAL

"Reafirmando nuestra propia fe en Jesucristo, les damos la bienvenida a esta expresión de la iglesia universal de Dios. Los recibimos con amor, nos comprometemos a su cuidado y celebramos su presencia en nuestra congregación. Mediante el poder del espíritu de Dios, hagamos juntos justicia, amemos la misericordia y caminemos humildemente con Dios, quien nos fortalece para servirnos unos a otros."

VISION STATEMENT

Midway Hills Christian Church seeks to **be inclusive, do justice and embrace diversity**. We are an Open and Affirming congregation, unified in our love for Jesus Christ and his teachings. We understand biblical shalom as a call to act for justice and to respect God's creation. We cherish the gift of life and support each other in our spiritual journey. Grounded in worship, Bible study, and prayer, we seek to be instruments of God's healing through efforts to eliminate poverty, injustice, hunger and social issues that affect our community locally and globally. We seek to transform our world as we build bridges across all barriers that divide God's people.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

(See The Echo newsletter and Friday Flash for details and more.)

We welcome to MHCC today our guest preacher, Rev. Will Horn.

He is the Founder and pastor of the Cosmopolitan Congregation in Dallas, Texas, and CEO of Will Horn Ministries. Rev. Horn is host of the Shake the Table YouTube channel and Podcast and the recruiter and admissions counselor at Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. He is also a member of the prestigious Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers at Morehouse College. Rev. Horn holds a Master of Theological Studies degree with a certificate in History, Theology and Ethics from Brite Divinity School at TCU.

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Town Hall with ARC Content & Communications and Church Cartographers.

August 9 at 12:15 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Have you heard about the family internment camps in Texas?

Adult Sunday School is reading and discussing *The Train to Crystal City*, by Joe Jarboe Russell, which describes the motivations of our government and the lives of those impacted by this 1942 era program. Learn about parallels with our present time, and possible responses, both then and now. Join us in Room 1 at 10:00 a.m. Sundays.

First Tuesday Ladies Who Lunch will meet August 4 at 11:30 a.m.

Meet at Lake Highlands Cafe, 6751 Abrams Road, Ste. 100, Dallas (214-613-6310). Located in a shopping center just north of the Super Target on Skillman at Abrams. Please let Carol Hargis-Nation know if you can join us.

Next CAF is August 19.

Make plans to join us in community hall at noon for Christian Adult Fellowship!

Mark your calendar:

Policies and Procedures Committee - August 5 & 12, 1:00 p.m.

Cabinet Meeting - August 6, 7:00 p.m.

NTA Disciples Women General Gathering - August 8, 10:00 a.m. (Northway CC)

All Church Town Hall - August 9, 12:15 p.m.

Finance Committee - August 13, 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting - August 16, 12:15 p.m.

Elders Meeting - August 30, 12:30 p.m.

All Church Prayer - Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. on Zoom

Prayer Alcove - Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion - Sundays, 10:00 a.m., room 1

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JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

Please pray for these in our church family:

Megan and Pat Mercer; Don and Elaine Manworren; Chris and Jayne Sparrer; Dan Gaylord

Please pray for our extended church family concerns:

Jack van Wunnik—surgery recovery; Mary Ludwick's former co-worker, Carol Roberts; Mary Ludwick's brother John—hospitalized; Jackie Wintle—former member facing serious health concerns; Mary Ludwick's sister, Alice Collins; David Hammons' wife, Joan; Rev. Robert Schomp

Please pray for those with ongoing concerns:

Nina Boothe	Gay and Jim Gilmore	Bryen Lackey
Frank and Millie Martin	Jeryl Crawford	Lynne Stokes
Judy Mank		

Sympathy to:

- ❖ Dan Gaylord and family on the passing of his aunt and uncle.
- ❖ Laura Mitchell and family and friends of her sister, Mercedes Alcazar, who passed away June 20.

Let's celebrate with joy:

- Our guests/visitors in worship in the sanctuary and online

Please pray for our city and state:

- Muslim community
- Religious freedom legislation
- Legislative sessions
- Texas faith-based non-profits serving immigrants and refugees

Please pray for our nation and world:

- **Being inclusive, pursuing justice, embracing diversity**
- Those working for peace in places of conflict and those caught in the cycles of violence
- Justice for the people of Ukraine and others struggling against oppression
- Justice for the Palestinian people
- Those who have limited access to health care and those working to expand access
- Those experiencing discrimination and oppression because of their gender identity, sexual orientation or gender expression
- Those struggling with food insecurity and those working to overcome it
- Those who work to create a larger Welcome Table

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2026

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2

- 9:30 a.m. Choir practice
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Book Discussion, room 1
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Church
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Tuesday

August 4

- 9:00 a.m. Master Gardeners (until 4:00) exterior gardens
- 11:30 a.m. First Tuesday Ladies Who Lunch, Lake Highlands Cafe, 6751 Abrams Road, Ste. 100, Dallas
- 7:30 p.m. AA-PPG & Al-Anon, community hall & classroom 1

Thursday

August 6

- 8:30 a.m. All Church Prayer, on Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Alcove
- 7:00 p.m. Cabinet Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. AA-PPG & Al-Anon, community hall & classroom 1

Saturday

August 8

- 10:00 a.m. NTA Disciples Women General Gathering, Northway Christian Church, 7202 W. Northwest Hwy., Dallas. Lunch at noon is \$12.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9

- 9:30 a.m. Choir practice
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Book Discussion, room 1
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Church
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 12:15 p.m. Town Hall Meeting, sanctuary

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