



ALLENDALE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

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WELCOME

We are honored that you chose to worship with us today!

Allendale United Methodist Church is a *Reconciling Congregation*. We affirm the sacred worth of all people and strive to practice Christ's example of unconditional love without exclusion. All are welcome to participate fully in the life and ministries of this congregation. Whatever your race, ethnicity, economic situation, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, background or belief, age or condition of ableness, whether single or partnered, you are God's beloved and are welcome here. God calls us to acts of love, grace, and advocacy to promote healing and reconciliation. We are building a new Allendale: a place without barriers, a sanctuary for all.

Office Hours: Mon-Thu 9-4

If you have a special need, or you wish to visit with the pastor, please contact the office at (727) 527-6694 or office@allendaleumc.org.

Gender Pronouns: Asking and correctly using someone's preferred pronoun is one of the most basic ways to show your respect for their gender identity. When someone is referred to with the wrong pronoun, it can do harm.

Childcare/Nursery: Located in the courtyard, the first room to the right as you leave the sanctuary building. Children are welcomed and encouraged to stay in worship, even if they are noisy! The nursery is available beginning at 10 AM for children younger than kindergarten.

Children's activity sheets and fidget bags are available in the narthex.

Changing table is available in the Nursery.

Unisex/family restrooms are in the office hallway, accessible from the narthex, to the left as you exit the sanctuary.

The balcony is open for those wishing to have more social distancing.

Holy Communion is typically celebrated on the first Sunday of the month.

ASL Interpretation is available during worship to help make our service more inclusive and accessible. *ASL Version of our worship livestream:* www.allendaleumc.org/asl

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon Sep 8 United Women in Faith Meeting (Teresa Room) 6:30 PM
Sat Sep 13 Meet-Up at The North End Taphouse to see Judy Haines 3:30-6:30 PM
Tue Sep 16 Social Justice Team Meeting (Community Center) 6 PM
Fri Sep 26 Charity Drag Bingo Night (Sanctuary) 6 PM

Get more information about our upcoming events by visiting: www.allendaleumc.org/events

WORSHIP NOTES

TODAY'S LITURGIST:

NICK CAREY (he/him/his)

Allendale has been Nick and his wife, Aileen's, church home since 2018, becoming a space that connects their faith and belief in justice. Nick serves as a Community Organizer in Pinellas County with Faith in Florida, working with faith communities and working people to guarantee housing, safety and access to democracy. Nick lives in the Euclid Heights neighborhood. You can usually spot him with Aileen walking their two dogs, Wilbur and Rylie.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS:

organist - Bill Lee
guitar/vocals - Dylan Dames
vocals - Beth Heisel

Contact tru@allendaleumc.org to join our band or choir.

COMMUNION PREPARERS:

Lynda Beltz and Pam Green

COMMUNION SERVERS:

Joe Ventimiglia, Russ Lehman,
Amy Mormino, Deborah Eldred,
Alan Miller, Edwin Gomez,
Debbie Duty, Janice Barret

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER:

SELF-CARE IN THE CHAOS:

Join Lynne Hensley and Mary Ann Holtz for a Wednesday evening class on Contemplative Prayer and other ancient practices. Sessions will be held in the Sanctuary at 6 PM throughout September following Wednesday Night Dinner.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MEETING:

The next UWF meeting is Monday, September 8 at 6:30 PM in the Teresa Room. All women are welcome.

COURAGE, CONNECTION AND CARE:

David Franks will lead a four-week Sunday night series, Courage, Connection, and Care in Times of Upheaval, beginning September 14. Sessions will take place from 5-6 PM and explore themes such as anger, dreams, art, and pathways from overwhelm to hope. Each week offers a unique lens on navigating challenging times.

MEET-UP TO SEE JUDY HAINES PERFORM:

Judy Haines-Hricik is playing at the North End Taphouse in Gulfport next Saturday, September 13 from 3:30-6:30 PM. Come our for a late lunch/early dinner and rockin' tunes tunes! Judy plays at the North End Taphouse & Kitchen every second Saturday of the month.

STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS

BIRTHDAYS:

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| Kirsten Anderson | Sep 11 |
| Gina Gibbs | Sep 11 |
| Campbell Horn | Sep 15 |
| Cameron Helwege | Sep 20 |
| Parker Hutton | Sep 21 |
| Lois Lehman | Sep 23 |
| Elijah Marks | Sep 24 |
| Scott Hensley | Sep 25 |
| Craig Bowman | Sep 26 |
| Renee Burk | Sep 29 |

Birthday missing? Please contact the office

CONNECT WITH A PASTOR:

Rev. Andy Oliver, Pastor

Office hours: Tue - Fri *make an appointment at www.allendaleumc.org/andy*

Rev. David Franks, Minister of Pastoral Support

Office hours: Tue 11-2 | Thu 4-7 *make an appointment at www.allendaleumc.org/david*

LICENSED THERAPISTS AND COUNSELORS:

available at Allendale's Counseling Center

Visit www.allendaleumc.org/counseling

PRESENCE

Previous Sunday: 145 in-person, 2,436 online

Live stream: www.allendaleumc.org/online

WANT TO JOIN ALLENDALE?

The next opportunity:

Sun Sep 14 at 10:30 AM

Sign-up at: www.allendaleumc.org/join

GIFTS

Give online: www.allendaleumc.org/give

Text-to-give: Text amount to 727-312-0808

Buy a shirt: www.allendaleumc.org/shirts



Give Online now by scanning this code with your phone's camera.

WITNESS

CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, AND JUSTICE:

In a spirit of solidarity, more than 50 Justice-Seeking congregations around the country are lighting a candle of Peace, Hope and Justice. This candle represents Christ's light shining even in the midst of barbed wire policies that wrap tighter each day.

Jesus said being a disciple is costly; to stand with those the world locks away, to bear witness when empire builds cages.

Today we light the Candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice for those detained at Alligator Alcatraz, whose cries rise to heaven, whose lives bear the weight of our nation's sin.

Inside this camp, food is scarce, water floods, fungus spreads, lawyers are denied, toilets are public, mosquitoes swarm, AC is insufficient, and despair stalks every corner. There is no peace in these cages—only cruelty.

And we remember: Jesus himself was lynched by the state. A public execution meant to terrorize the oppressed into silence. In our own day, immigrants are "lynched" in different ways— their dignity stolen, their lives placed at risk, their humanity crucified by unjust laws.

We light this candle for peace—not the false peace of silence and control, but the peace of every family restored.

We light this candle for hope—hope that God's love cannot be chained, hope that liberation will come.

We light this candle for justice—justice that calls for solidarity, justice that will not rest until every cage is empty.

We light this candle proclaiming that the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never overcome the light. May Jesus strengthen us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Let us know you are here by going to www.allendaleumc.org/here or by filling out the attendance pad in your row.

PRELUDE Organist Bill Lee
Send The Light |Turner|

WELCOME Rev. Andy Oliver
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CANDLE OF PEACE, HOPE, AND JUSTICE Congregation
We're Gonna Tear Your Kingdom Down |Black Traditional|

SONG Allendale Band
This Little Light of Mine |Black Traditional|

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER Nick Carey

SONG Allendale Band
Woke Up This Morning With My Mind Stayed on Freedom |Black Traditional|

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rev. Andy Oliver

OFFERING Congregation
Open My Eyes, That I May See |Clara H. Scott|
give online at www.allendaleumc.org/give

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Nick Carey

SONG Allendale Band
Hope Will Not Fail |Mark Miller, David Bjorlin|

SCRIPTURE READING Nick Carey
Luke 14:25-33

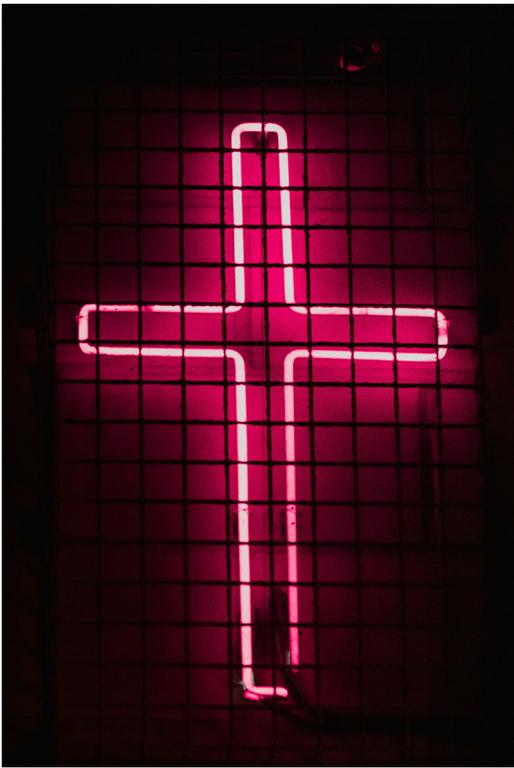
SERMON Rev. Andy Oliver

COMMUNION Congregation
At The Table |David Brymer, Leslie Jordan|

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY Congregation

BENEDICTION Nick Carey

POSTLUDE Organist Bill Lee
Classical Postlude |Haydn|



The way of love is the way of life.
Destruction is not because of who
God loves less or has abandoned.
Destruction comes by way of having
forfeited the way of life and flourishing.
What if God is not an individual in the
way They are written? What if God is a
system that responds poorly to hate
and disregard for life? What if it isn't
punishment but outcome? It can be very
easy to confuse the two when evading
accountability. We serve the God of
accountability. Accountability that turns
from wicked ways. Accountability that
welcomes formerly enslaved as kin.
Accountability that leaves possessions
and familial securities to act in full
solidarity.

*Liturgy from Enfleshed
(portions adapted by Allendale)*

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Campbell Horn, Dylan Dames | Youth Directors

Bill Lee | Organist

Maddie Johnson | Sign Language Interpreter

Michaela George, Erin Giblin, Courtney Ross, | Nursery Attendants

Dr. Kate Pravera | Theologian in Residence

All of us in the Congregation | Ministers of the Gospel

THIS WEEK

Sun Sep 7

9 AM Grief Support Group (Wesley)
9 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Hybrid)
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
6 PM Youth Group

Mon Sep 8

6 PM United Women in Faith (Teresa)

Tue Sep 9

Wed Sep 10

5 PM Dinner (Community Center)
6 PM Classes (Community Center)

Thu Sep 11

6 PM Finance (Hybrid)
7 PM Church Council (Hybrid)
7 PM Transnetwork Conversation (Sanctuary)

Fri Sep 12

Sat Sep 13

Sun Sep 14

9 AM Adult Sunday School Class (Hybrid)
10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

*Recovery and Support Groups meet often at
Allendale and are now listed on their own
calendar: www.allendaleumc.org/recovery.*

CLASSES & COMMUNITY

Grief Support Group- 9/7 & 9/21 at 9 AM
This group meets every other Sunday

Adult Sunday School Class- Sun at 9 AM
"The Bible With and Without Jesus" by Amy-Jill Levine

Scripture Class - Led by Pastor Andy
Virtual on Zoom - Mon at 6 PM
Join via Zoom: allendaleumc.org/mondayclass

Young Adult Discord - Online Group
Join at www.allendaleumc.org/youngadults

Stand For Democracy -each Mon at 5 PM
NW corner of 22nd Ave N and 34th St N

Social Justice Team - 9/16 at 6 PM

Wednesday Night Dinner & Classes
*Dinner at 5 PM and Classes at 6 PM
Class: "Self Care in the Chaos"*

DINNER MENU

*Dinner is \$10 or whatever you can afford.
Vegetarian or Vegan options always available.*

Wed Sep 10

Build Your Own Chef Salad, Honey Mustard
Glazed Carrots, Cheddar Biscuits,
Fresh Fruit, Dessert