



*“What we sing with our lips,
may we believe in our hearts.”*

— Charles Wesley

“A SERVICE WITHOUT A SERMON”

July 19, 2026 - 8th Sunday after Pentecost



EDISTO ISLAND
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Worship

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #393

“Spirit of the Living God”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From the earliest days, the people called Methodist have been a singing people.

We come today to lift our voices in praise, confession, and devotion.

Charles Wesley wrote more than 9,000 poems, shaping the theology of a movement.

His hymns have taught us doctrine, inspired our devotion, and led us in praise.

Let us worship God with heart, mind, soul, and voice.

We sing our faith. We sing our hope. We sing our salvation.

*OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

God of melody and mercy, You have inspired your people through the hymns of Charles Wesley and many others— songs that teach, songs that comfort, songs that proclaim your saving love. As we gather today, let the theology we sing become the faith we live. Tune our hearts to your grace, and make our worship worthy of your glory. Amen.

OPENING HYMNS

CONFESSION OF SIN & PARDON

With confidence in God’s Grace, let us now confess our sins.

Merciful God, We confess that we have not always sung our faith with courage. We have been half-hearted in praise, timid in witness, and slow to trust the grace you freely give. Forgive us, renew us, and restore us, that we may sing with full hearts and faithful lives. Amen.

(Let us confess our sins in silence)

We hear the good news: Charles Wesley wrote, “My second, real, living life I then began to live.” In Christ, we too are made new. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMNS OF CHOICE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 35:1–2, 5–6

A vision of joyful renewal, matching Wesley’s emphasis on salvation as new creation. The desert blooms; the weak are strengthened; the redeemed rejoice.

PSALTER #824

Psalm 103: 1-5

A psalm of praise, forgiveness, healing, and steadfast love—all central Wesleyan themes.

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 1:3–10

A proclamation of grace, adoption, redemption, and the mystery of God's will in Christ. This text mirrors Wesley's theology of divine love and sanctifying grace found in hymns like "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling."

*THE GOSPEL

Luke 1: 46-55

Mary's song is the Gospel's most powerful example of sung theology. It embodies praise, reversal, mercy, and salvation—precisely the themes Charles Wesley set to music. In other words, we United Methodists "sing our theology".

*HYMNS OF CHOICE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Holy and gracious God, You have made us a singing people, and through the hymns of Charles Wesley you have taught us the depth of your love, the wonder of salvation, and the joy of life in Christ.

Gather us now in the unity of your Spirit. Let the words we sing become the faith we live. Let the melodies of grace shape our hearts, and let the harmonies of hope strengthen our witness. Where we are weary, lift us. Where we are uncertain, guide us. Where we are broken, heal us. Where we are joyful, enlarge our praise.

Make our worship today a true offering— not only of our voices, but of our lives, our commitments, and our love for you and for one another.

We pray for your Church throughout the world, for all who proclaim the gospel, for all who serve in your name, and for all who long to know your grace. Bless our congregation, our families, our neighbors, and all who gather in this place. Tune our hearts to your will so that we may walk in holiness, live in mercy, and rejoice in your salvation.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, we pray together the prayer our Lord taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

THE OFFERING

ANTHEM

*DOXOLOGY #95

"Praise God from All Blessings Flow"

PRAYER FOLLOWING THE OFFERING

Generous God, You have filled us with grace and given us songs of salvation. Receive these gifts and use them to bless our church, strengthen our community, and share Christ's love with all. Make our giving part of your new creation, so that our lives may echo the praise we sing. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #88

"Maker, in Whom We Live"

*SENDING FORTH

We go forth in the strength of the songs we have sung, in the truth they have carried, and in the grace they have proclaimed. Amen.

Participating in worship today:
Steve Strange, Alex Cone, Donna Padgett



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Last Sunday:
July 12, 2026
Attendance: 58
(in person & online)
Offering: \$2,185

Edisto Island UMC



**QR Code for Offering
& Special Giving**



Debbie Spratlin, Violet McKenney, The Loy Family, Duncan Bunch, Reynolds Hayden, Alex Cone, Rev. Len Ripley, Tommy Keller, Donna Padgett, Butch Evans, Beth Warshaw, Bob Foster, Dylan Rearden, Ann Bond, Lacey Reeves, Bob Spratlin, Laura & Jim Emory, Ethelynn Boozer, Nancy Culclasure, Lauren (Donna's niece), Dale Steele, Margaret Steele, Thomas Tindall, Buff Yelton, Dawn & Berry Wren



OPEN MONDAYS:
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Coming Fall 2026



Adult Sunday School

Edisto Island United Methodist Church



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2026 Edisto Island Salkehatchie

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

- ON AUGUST 1-8, 2026, THE PASTOR WILL BE ON VACATION. REV. JOHN POOLE WILL PREACH FOR US ON AUGUST 2, 2026.
- HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE ON AUGUST 9, 2026.