

**Hospital:** Mike Wise  
**Flowers** in worship today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Waylon Peevy by Greg and Angela Sponge.

**Please pray for church members, their friends and families**

Church Family

Vic Aloisio	Amber Smith	John Konsowitz	Sheila Fraser-Derfler
Dot Gallagher	Brianna O'Rouke	Keith Walisch	

**WELCOME to worship at Level Creek UMC!**

We are glad you are here. Restrooms are located out the doors to the right of the front altar. Worship activity bags are available for children who stay in worship and a loving nursery is always provided. Children's Sunday School is offered during the 11:00 am worship hour.

**Mission Lunch and Learn TODAY** at 12:00 pm in the OFLC. Join us as we discuss plans to form a disaster relief mission team here at LCUMC. Scott Parrish, the Mission Specialist for the UMC in GA, will lead the conversation. Lunch is provided.

**Popsicles on the Playground TODAY** after 11:00 am worship. Nursery and preschool aged kids and parents are invited for popsicles and fellowship.

**Fall Fellowship Luncheon** is September 7. We will gather for a potluck lunch in the OFLC following the 11am worship service. Bring your favorite dish and catch up with your church family over lunch.

**Walk and Talk.** Get your body moving and enjoy friendly conversation. Meet Lauren McCombe and others at the Sims Lake Park playground pavilion at 8:30 am on Mondays and/or Wednesdays. No rsvp required...just come and walk together!

**Last Call for Fall Connect Groups!** We want to build connections and friendship across our congregation. Connect groups have 6-8 people who meet for lunch or dinner once a month from September - November. Mark your connection card to receive a sign-up link or visit [www.lcumc.net](http://www.lcumc.net) to sign up directly.

**Children's Choir begins today from 4:30 – 5:30 pm.** Children in Kindergarten and up are invited to participate in our annual Christmas Musical. This year's show is "The Christmas County Spelling Bee." Mark your Connection Card to register.

**Learn more about Level Creek UMC.** Are you new to the church? Have you been visiting for a while? Join Rev. Elaine on Sunday, September 14 at 12:00 pm in the Fireside Room to learn more about our church, our values & how you can get connected. Mark your Connection Card to RSVP.

**Electronic Giving During Worship.** To make a financial gift to Level Creek UMC, text any dollar amount to (888) 488-8974. You will receive a link to enter your card information.

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# GOD'S APPEAL THROUGH YOU

**VISION 2030:  
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Rev. Elaine Wilder, Pastor  
Crystal Barnes, Family Ministries  
Lisha Mendez, Connect + Serve

Tracie Ginsberg, Music Ministry  
Beth Ann Wise, Musician  
Paul Ellis, Finance Administrator

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Kimberly Allard, Office Administrator

Order of Worship
Level Creek UMC | August 24, 2025

Prelude Beth Ann Wise

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Elaine Wilder

Entrance of the Light of Christ

\*Call to Worship
Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.
Everyone who loves is born of God.
We love because God first loved us.
God calls us to reach out and share what we have received.
When we serve others, we fulfill the teachings of Scripture.
We remember that we are the hands and feet of Christ.
We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us!
Let us receive the power of God as we worship this day! Amen.

\*Hymn of Praise "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH 89 (vs 1, 3)

\*Affirmation of Faith
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.

\*Gloria Patri "Glory Be to the Father" UMH 70
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. Amen.

Special Music "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" Handbell Quartet

\*Please stand if you are able

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer Rev. Elaine Wilder

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, forever. Amen.

Special Music Hyun Jo, piano

Scripture 2 Corinthians 5: 14-20
For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all;
therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for
themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.
From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we
once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is
in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become
new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the
ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting
their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are
ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of
Christ, be reconciled to God.

Sermon God's Appeal Through You Rev. Scott Parrish

Today we welcome the Rev. Scott Parrish as our guest preacher. Scott is the Mission
Specialist and Disaster Response Coordinator for the North GA Conference of the UMC

\*Closing Hymn "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" UMH 581 (vs 1, 4)

\*Benediction

\*Recessional "May the Road Rise to Meet You"
May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind blow at your back.
May the sun shine warmly on your face.
May the rain fall softly on your fields.
And until we meet again, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen

\*Postlude

Join us for Coffee + Connection at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center.