



*You do not know me yet
but I am the woman you become.
I arrived in this quiet place because
you refused to let us fall.
You walked through the breaking without
knowing the way
and every step you took
carried me closer to myself.
I stand here honest and whole
stitched by your courage
and I am grateful for you
in ways you will only understand
when you become me.*

NATALIE DUCEY

A Hundred Ways to Hold Her

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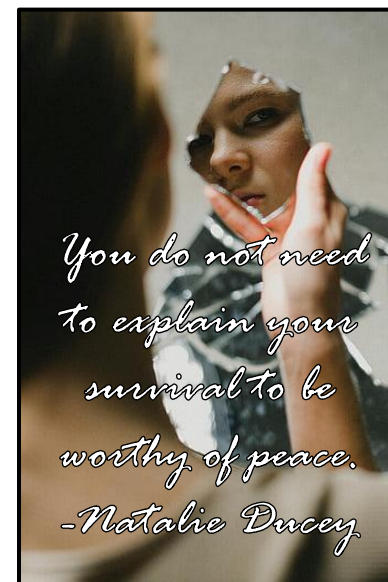


WAYSIDE

Presbyterian Church

WELCOME • WORSHIP • WISDOM • WITNESS

Rev. Dr. Stephen P. Fritz, Pastor



*We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed;
we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken;
struck down, but not destroyed. - 2 Corinthians 4:8-9*

**July 12, 2026
10:00 am**

*Staffed Nursery, Wheelchair, Hearing Assist System & Large Print Bibles
available. See the A/V booth for assistance.*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

7th Sunday after Pentecost

"Walking with Jesus, sharing Christ along the way"

Welcome to Wayside! Today we hear a personal testimony from Michelle Hess, Deacon and Elementary Coordinator in our Family Ministry. She is directing this week's Vacation Bible School, which we will share about next Sunday. If you are without a church home, we encourage you to connect with us for a Christ-centered, Bible-believing, Mission-minded journey of life & faith among sisters and brothers.

Gathering Song Yes, I Will Grace Notes

Greeting, Passing the Peace of Christ & Opportunities to Connect Pastor Steve
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Responsive Call to Worship (based on Romans 5:1-5) Lori Nimmon, Liturgist

ONE: In the midst of our failures,

ALL: we stand in God's grace.

ONE: In the midst of our struggles,

ALL: we boast in our hope through Christ.

ONE: In the midst of our suffering,

ALL: we claim the endurance given by the Holy Spirit.

ONE: In every part of our lives,

ALL: the love of our Divine Creator has been poured into our hearts.

ONE: Let us be open to this love as we join together in worship.

Song of Praise It Is Well

Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Gratitude

Kids' Message

Hymn 629 Strong Gentle Children

Prayer Table for Tithes, Offerings & Lighting of Candles/Offertory



Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 4:5-9 Liturgist

⁵We do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. ⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that

this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

ONE: This is the word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Personal Testimony Michelle Hess

Special Music You Raise Me Up

Time of Prayer: Requests, Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 467 The Power of Your Love

Blessing & Sending (Isaiah 55:10-13) Pastor Steve

ONE: As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth.

ALL: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

ONE: You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace.

ALL: The mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

ONE: Instead of the thornbush will grow the pine tree, and instead of briers the myrtle will grow.

ALL: This will be for the Lord's renown, for an everlasting sign, which will not be destroyed.

Parting Music



NEXT WEEK: VBS Sunday & Baptism of Gabby Aumen