

SPARTA  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors*

June 15, 2025 10:30 a.m.

*Father's Day*  
*Music and Education Appreciation Sunday*

Prelude *Be Still My Soul* with *It Is Well With My Soul*  
Be Still My Soul - Words by Katherina von Schlegel; Music by Jean Sibelius  
It Is Well with My Soul - Words by Horatio Spafford; Music by Philip P. Bliss  
Arranged by Melody Bober - Alfred Music © 2008

Words of Welcome

\*Call to Worship

Come, all that are weary, all that are carrying burdens so heavy  
**Jesus will give us rest**  
Come, take what Jesus has to offer: love, forgiveness, and grace  
**Christ will give us peace**  
Come, find rest, and learn from Jesus  
**For our Savior will give us rest in our souls**  
Come, let us worship our God  
**Let us follow our Savior, who leads us into life.**

\*Opening Song *When in Our Music God is Glorified* UMH 68

Opening Prayer of Thanksgiving for Music

**Gracious God, we come before You with grateful hearts, giving thanks for the gift of music that fills our lives with harmony, beauty, and wonder. We praise You for the melodies that lift us beyond the cares of this world, that stir our spirits, and bring us peace. In times of sorrow and pain, You bless us with music that heals and comforts—a balm for weary souls and a source of renewed strength. We give thanks for composers, singers, and musicians whose gifts inspire us. May their creativity remind us of the boundless potential You have placed within each of us. Lord, we celebrate the music that connects us to one another and draws us nearer to You. For this precious gift, we give You thanks and praise. For we pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray:**

The Lord's Prayer Ian Good  
Choir Anthem *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* Text by Fred Pratt Green  
Hymn Tune ENGELBERG by Charles V. Stanford  
Choral Setting by Joel Raney; Hope Publishing Co. © 2003

Recognition and Thanksgiving for Our Music Ministry

Bell Anthem *Fanfare and Intrada* by Jason W. Krug  
Beckenhorst, © 2023

A Time for Young Disciples *Giving Thanks for Our Teachers*

Song of Preparation *Cares Chorus* FWS 2215

Scripture Reading *Matthew 11: 25-30*

*<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

The Message *Un-Biblical: God Won't Give Us More than We Can Handle*

This Week in the Life of the Church

The Offering of Our Gifts and Our Prayers

\*Closing Song *Great is Thy Faithfulness* UMH 140

\*Sending Forth

Postlude *This Is My Father's World*  
Text by Maltbie D. Babcock (1901); Tune : TERRA BEATA  
Arranged by Darrell V. Archer; Mel Bay Publications, Inc. © 1984

\*Stand if able

WELCOME TO ALL *COME AS YOU ARE . . . YOU ARE WELCOME!*

Who hope for a better world & all who have lost hope:

Believers and seekers, Conventional Christians & questioning skeptics

Women, men, youth and children Of all sexual orientations & gender identities

Of all races and cultures, Of all income levels, Of all social classes

Of all physical & mental abilities.

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*When in Our Music God is Glorified*

Words: Fred Pratt Green, 1971; Music: Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904 - One License A-719583

*Cares Chorus*

Words & Music: Kally Willard - CCLI # 11297801

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; Music: William M. Runyan, 1923 - One License A-719583

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**Not Just a Tagline: This IS who we are**



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