AMAZING GRACE METHODIST CHURCH

Lions Club, 2907 Myrtle St, Edisto Beach

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026



REV. KEVIN P. STROOP

Music Director: Megan Whitt

Church Service: 9AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

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20th Sunday after Pentecost–Green October 11, 2026

PRELUDE "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" - Thompson

INTROIT "Surely the Presence"

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock,

People: in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Leader: He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters.

People: He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me.

***OPENING PRAYER:**

Dear Lord, help us stay humble as we learn today. Let us listen carefully, respect others' thoughts, and seek Your wisdom above our own. Give us patience to understand new ideas, and teach us to value every opportunity to grow in knowledge and character. **Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN** "How Great Thou Art" (vs. 1,2,4) Hymn 17

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostles Creed**

***GLORIA PATRI**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

In hope and trust, we bring our prayers before our loving Father, who calls us to prepare for the fullness of his kingdom.

For the church, that it may inspire the faithful to prepare their hearts for Christ's return by living lives rooted in love and service to others— **we pray to the Lord**

For those who struggle with hardship or doubt, that they may find comfort in God's unchanging love and trust in his promises— **we pray to the Lord**

For our community, that we may focus on the treasures that do not fade, fostering compassion, forgiveness, and generosity in our lives— **we pray to the Lord**

For those who have died, that they may be welcomed into the heavenly kingdom, rejoicing forever in God's presence— **we pray to the Lord**

Loving God, help us to be vigilant and ready for your coming, trusting in your boundless love. We ask this through Christ, who taught us to pray: **Our Father…**

WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" - Lemmel

***DOXOLOGY**

***HYMN** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" (insert)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 32:1-14 (below)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON MESSAGE Rev. Kevin Stroop

***HYMN** "It Is Well with My Soul" (insert)

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** "On Eagle's Wings"

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

POSTLUDE "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" - Thompson

Those who are able, please stand

SCRIPTURE – Exodus 32:1-14

1 When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him." 2 Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." 3 So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. 4 He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." 5 When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD." 6 So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

(Scripture continued on back of bulletin)

7 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you
brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. 8 They have been quick to
turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an
idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to
it and have said, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of
Egypt.' 9 "I have seen these people," the LORD said to Moses, "and they are
a stiff-necked people. 10 Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn
against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great
nation." 11 But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. "LORD," he said,
"why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of
Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? 12 Why should the Egyptians say,
'It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains
and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger;
relent and do not bring disaster on your people. 13 Remember your servants
Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make
your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your
descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance
forever.'" 14 Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the
disaster he had threatened.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS 2026

FELLOWSHIP is *today* after church service. All are welcome to attend for food and fellowship.

COMMUNION is *Sunday October 18*.

Our regular Worship Service on ***Sunday, October 18*** will be held at **2:30PM** instead of 9:00AM. Immediately following our Worship Service will be our **2026 Charge Conference**. All members and visitors are encouraged to attend.

TRUNK OR TREAT: Friday, October 23, 6-7:30PM.

If you have a veteran you would like to honor or remember please send us their name and branch of service. Their names will be published on *November 12* in our newsletter. Wesleymemorial5412@gmail.com



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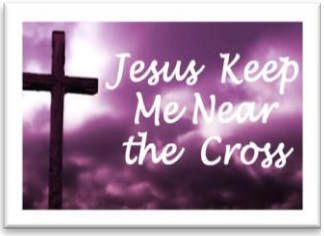
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John 19:25-27 - *"Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.*

Music Notes from Megan

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



There is something deeply personal about the words, "Jesus, keep me near the cross." They are not simply words describing where we want to be-they are a prayer asking Jesus to keep our hearts close to Him.

Fanny Crosby wrote this beloved hymn in 1869. Blind from infancy, Crosby became one of the most prolific Christian hymn writers in history. Yet despite never being able to physically see the cross, she understood its significance more clearly than many who could see it with their own eyes.

She wrote:

"Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream,
Flows from Calvary's mountain."

The cross reminds us of something we can never afford to forget: we are saved by grace. At Calvary, Jesus willingly gave His life for us. His blood was shed, His body was broken, and the debt of our sin was paid.

And Crosby's chorus gives us the proper response:

"In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever,
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river."

Notice that she doesn't say, "Let my accomplishments be my glory," or "Let my strength be my glory." She says, "In the cross… be my glory ever."

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We live in a world that constantly tells us to find our worth in what we accomplish, what we possess, how successful we are, or how others see us. But the cross reminds us that our greatest worth was already established when Jesus stretched out His arms and said, in essence, "You are worth dying for."

There will be days when our faith feels strong and days when we struggle. There will be seasons when we understand what God is doing and seasons when we don't. There will be moments when we feel close to Jesus and moments when we feel as though we have wandered far away.

That is why this hymn is such a beautiful prayer.

"Jesus, keep me near the cross."

Keep me near when life is good.
Keep me near when life is painful.
Keep me near when I understand.
Keep me near when I don't.
Keep me near when my faith is strong.
Keep me near when I am struggling to believe.

Because when we stay near the cross, we are reminded that God's love does not change with our circumstances.

The final verse says:

"Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand,
Just beyond the river."

The cross points us not only backward to what Jesus did at Calvary, but forward to the hope we have because of Him.

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER–JAMES 5:16



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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS 2026

WMMC Acolyte & Crucifer for Sunday, October 11 are Jude Whetstone and Brantley Hanna.

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Please join us for fun, food, and fellowship! FREE chicken nuggets, French fries and drinks – donations appreciated.



SHINE WITH THE LIGHT OF JESUS!!

