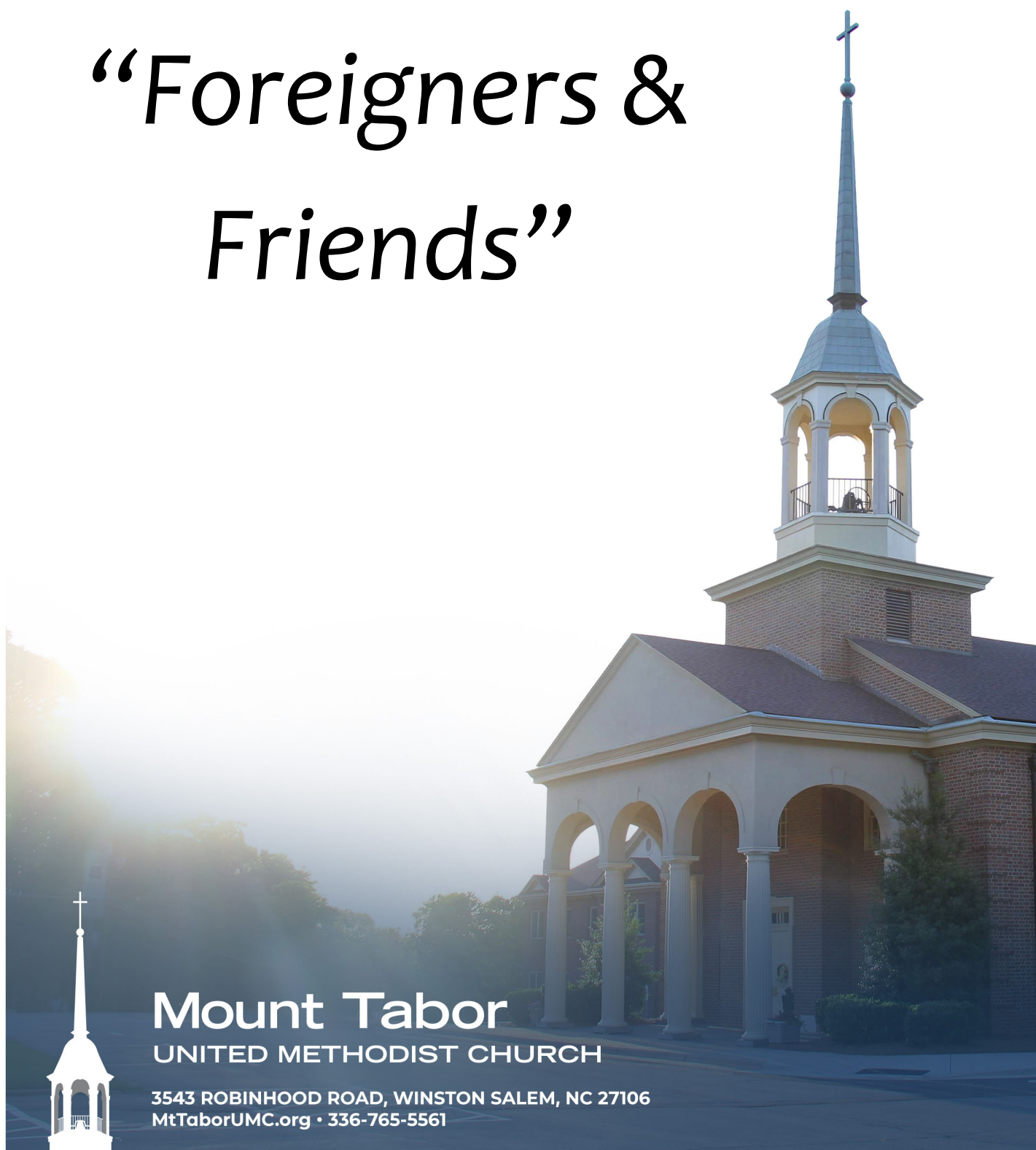


Sunday, July 13, 2025

# *“Foreigners & Friends”*



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# **Modern Worship**

**Sunday, July 13, 2025 at 9:00am**

## **Gathering Song**

*No One Like You* — DC\*B

*Praise* — Elevation Worship

## **Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship**

## **Praise & Worship Song**

*Yes and Amen* — Jesus Culture

## **TaborKIDS Invitation**

Children (3 years old-5th grades) may leave to participate in TaborKids Worship today. Parents will pick them up in the Children's Building immediately following the service.

## **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

## **Congregational & Offertory Prayer**

## **Offertory**

*How He Loves* — Crowder

## **Scripture**

Ruth 1:1-18 (The Message)

## **Today's Message**

***"Foreigners & Friends"***

## **Commissioning of Youth Mission Team**

## **Closing Song**

*God of Wonders* — Caedmon's Call

## **Sending Forth**

### **Today's Worship Leaders:**

Senior Pastor: Rev. David Beam

Executive Pastor: Rev. Michelle Foster-Beckerleg

Modern Worship Coordinator: Jim Annas

Worship Host: Deborah Daniels

Prayer Leader: Maria Ogedengbe

July 13, 2025

## ***“Foreigners and Friends”***

### **Ruth 1:1-18 The Message**

<sup>1-2</sup> Once upon a time—it was back in the days when judges led Israel—there was a famine in the land. A man from Bethlehem in Judah left home to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. The man’s name was Elimelech; his wife’s name was Naomi; his sons were named Mahlon and Kilion—all Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They all went to the country of Moab and settled there. <sup>3-5</sup> Elimelech died and Naomi was left, she and her two sons. The sons took Moabite wives; the name of the first was Orpah, the second Ruth. They lived there in Moab for the next ten years. But then the two brothers, Mahlon and Kilion, died. Now the woman was left without either her young men or her husband. <sup>6-7</sup> One day she got herself together, she and her two daughters-in-law, to leave the country of Moab and set out for home; she had heard that God had been pleased to visit his people and give them food. And so she started out from the place she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law with her, on the road back to the land of Judah. <sup>8-9</sup> After a short while on the road, Naomi told her two daughters-in-law, “Go back. Go home and live with your mothers. And may God treat you as graciously as you treated your deceased husbands and me. May God give each of you a new home and a new husband!” She kissed them and they cried openly. <sup>10</sup> They said, “No, we’re going on with you to your people.”

<sup>11-13</sup> But Naomi was firm: “Go back, my dear daughters. Why would you come with me? Do you suppose I still have sons in my womb

who can become your future husbands? Go back, dear daughters—on your way, please! I’m too old to get a husband. Why, even if I said, ‘There’s still hope!’ and this very night got a man and had sons, can you imagine being satisfied to wait until they were grown? Would you wait that long to get married again? No, dear daughters; this is a bitter pill for me to swallow—more bitter for me than for you. God has dealt me a hard blow.”

<sup>14</sup> Again they cried openly. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-bye; but Ruth embraced her and held on. <sup>15</sup> Naomi said, “Look, your sister-in-law is going back home to live with her own people and gods; go with her.” <sup>16-</sup>

<sup>17</sup> But Ruth said, “Don’t force me to leave you; don’t make me go home. Where you go, I go; and where you live, I’ll live. Your people are my people, your God is my god; where you die, I’ll die, and that’s where I’ll be buried, so help me God—not even death itself is going to come between us!”

<sup>18-19</sup> When Naomi saw that Ruth had her heart set on going with her, she gave in. And so the two of them traveled on together to Bethlehem. When they arrived in Bethlehem the whole town was soon buzzing: “Is this really our Naomi? And after all this time!”

# Traditional Order of Worship

Sunday, July 13, 2025 — 11:00 am

*Hearing enhancement devices are available in the Narthex.*

## Prelude

*French Suite No. 6, BWV 817: Sarabande, Polonaise, Menuet*

J.S. Bach

## Welcome

Marcey Davis

## \* Call to Worship

Sydney Favinger

We come together to worship,

**In a spirit of love, with the hope of transformation.**

God, you loved us first,

**So that we might know love and be love one to another.**

Open our hearts.

**Transform our lives that we might love as you love us.**

## \* Hymn # 577

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

## \* Affirmation of Faith (UMH #883)

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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## \* Gloria Patri # 71

*Glory Be to the Father*

GREATOREX

**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.**

## Prayer of Confession

**God of compassion and mercy, you sent us your Son as the Savior of the world, and told us to love one another as much as you loved us. Yet, we struggle to love each other. We have a hard time loving those who disagree with us, or who ask us to face the truths about ourselves. Forgive us, God, and show us how to love the way you command us to love. Open our hearts so that we might receive your perfect love and offer it to the world.**

## Assurance and Time of Greeting

Rev. Michelle Foster-Beckerleg

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## Prayer of the People and 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.**

## Anthem

*Piano Sonata No. 11 in A Major, K. 331, 1<sup>st</sup> Movement: Theme, 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Variations*

W.A. Mozart

## Commissioning of the Youth Mission Teams

## Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

*Sonatine, M. 40: Mouvement de Menuet*

Maurice Ravel

### \* Doxology # 95

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### Scripture

Ruth 1:1-18 (The Message)

### Message

*“Foreigners & Friends”*

Rev. Michelle Foster-Beckerleg

### \* Hymn #454

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

OPEN MY EYES

### \* Benediction

### \* Chiming of the Trinity

### Postlude

*Paeon*

John Marsh

***\*Please stand in body or in spirit***

***The flowers on the Altar and in the Narthex are dedicated to the Glory of God by Steve & Kathleen Griffis in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary.***

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor: Rev. David Beam

Executive Pastor: Rev. Michelle Foster-Beckerleg

Interim Director of Traditional Worship Arts: Robert Overman

Organist/Accompanist: Jessica Beitel

Director of Children and Family Ministries

Liturgist: Sydney Favinger

Guest Musician: Eija Jacob Maldonado

## Welcome to Mount Tabor United Methodist Church

Welcome to Mount Tabor and please feel at home! If you are a first-time guest, text the word "Hello" to 336-777-7990. Also, stop by the Trinity Welcome Center Desk or a Welcome Kiosk on your way out to receive a welcome gift. The mission of Mount Tabor UMC is to "Gather Joyfully, Grow Spiritually, Go Faithfully to spread the love of Christ." If you would like to explore ways to Gather, Grow, Go, text "Connect" to 336-777-7990. Prayer requests can be submitted at [www.mttaborumc.org/prayer](http://www.mttaborumc.org/prayer) or by contacting Director of Congregational Care & Spiritual Formation Kim Harvey (336-765-5561 ext. 1021 or [kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org](mailto:kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org)).

### General Information

Nursery care and Mother's Room are available for all services. Children interested in participating in TaborKIDS worship may leave the service at the appropriate time. Wheelchairs are available for use while on church property and the church offices are open Mon.-Fri., 9am-NOON and Mon.-Thurs., 1-4pm See the church website at [www.mttaborumc.org](http://www.mttaborumc.org) for more information.

### Announcements

Submit announcement info at least two weeks in advance to [charity.goff@mttaborumc.org](mailto:charity.goff@mttaborumc.org).

### *GATHER Joyfully*

- \* **You can worship at Mount Tabor United Methodist Church** on Sundays at: Modern, 9:00am, in the Alspaugh Worship Center, or Traditional, 11:00am, in the Sanctuary. Both services are also available via Facebook Live and <https://www.YouTube.com/MountTaborUMCVideoStreaming>.

### *GROW Spiritually and GO Faithfully*

- \* **Mark your calendars and make plans to join us in welcoming Rev. Michelle Foster-Beckerleg to Mount Tabor UMC as our new Executive Pastor, TODAY Sunday, July 13 in the fellowship hall from 10:00-10:45am and 12:00-12:45pm.**
- \* **Help Needed Sundays July 13 & 20!** Following the Traditional service on those two Sundays, TaborKIDS needs help moving all furniture, toys, and supplies to allow for floor waxing. Many hands make light work! Please plan on 30-45 minutes. Thank you in advance for your servant hearts!
- \* **SUMMER Tabor Table Fellowship Dinner will meet Wednesday, July 16** from 5:15-6:30pm in the Family Life Center with reservations made either at <https://www.mttaborumc.org/tabor-table> or in the Trinity Welcome Center. Suggested donation is \$10 for adult (age 13 and up), \$7 for child (age 3-12), free for children under 3. For those living in same home, family max is \$30. The menu is: Baked Potato Bar with Fried Chicken Tenders, Rolls, Desserts, and Drinks. Children's option: Chicken Tenders.
- \* **All women are invited to attend Wednesday Women's Bible Study Summer Sessions**, on July 16 and Aug. 13 at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall and also via zoom. We will continue our study of The Gospel of Luke. Contact Kim Harvey at [kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org](mailto:kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org) or 336-765-5561 for questions or for the zoom link. There is nothing to purchase, just bring a Bible.
- \* **Our new Business Directory is NOW AVAILABLE.** Check it out on the church website to find lots of solutions for household repair, childcare/tutoring, business and legal services, medical needs, AND MORE! And if you'd like to create a listing for your business, you can do that on the same website. Our hope is that this directory helps our congregation to make new connections and support each other as needs arise. Contact Michael Cook at (336) 575-4786 with questions.

- \* **MTUMC is heading out to a Winston-Salem Dash Baseball Game on Friday, August 1, 2025.** Tickets are \$12.00 each and can be purchased by visiting our events page on our website, [www.mttaborumc.org](http://www.mttaborumc.org). Pastor Michelle will be joining us and will be throwing out a pitch before the game starts! Get your tickets today and join us for a great night of fun, fellowship, baseball, and fireworks!
- \* **Mark your calendars and help us “Stuff The Bus” on Sunday, August 3! Learn more by visiting our events page on our website—[mttabourumc.org](http://mttabourumc.org).**
- \* **"Psalms: The Prayer Book of Jesus"** — Everyone is invited to attend two Summer Sessions of the Weds. Night Gatherings, on August 6 from 6:00 -7:15pm in the Fellowship Hall and also via zoom, as we take a journey through the Psalms. The Psalms remind us of who God is and how he cares for us. As we read and pray through the Psalms we see every human emotion we experience and are reminded "For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations." (Psalm 100:5) Pastor David Beam and Kim Harvey will lead this summer study. For questions or to receive the zoom link, contact [kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org](mailto:kim.harvey@mttaborumc.org) There is nothing to purchase, just bring a Bible.
- \* **The July/August issue of The Upper Rooms are here.** You can find copies in the Narthex, Welcome Center, and in the Church Office.

### Mount Tabor at a Glance — Church Calendar

Real-time calendar is available at [mttaborumc.org](http://mttaborumc.org) or scan the QR code.



#### Sunday, July 13, 2025

##### **Fusion Youth Mission Trip Week**

- 9:00 AM Modern Worship Service —Alspaugh
- 10:00 AM Child, Tween, Youth, & Adult Sunday School Classes
- 10:00 AM Reception for Pastor Michelle — Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Reception for Pastor Michelle — Fellowship Hall

#### Monday, July 14, 2025

##### **ALL WEEK- Children's Building CLOSED for Floor Waxing**

- 8:00 AM Bulletin & In The Know Email Submission Deadline
- 9:00 AM Church Business Admin Mtg — Rm 207
- 9:00 AM TABOR TALK newsletter submission deadline
- 10:00 AM Programming Staff Meeting — Fellowship Hall
- 12:00 PM Nar-Anon Family Support Group —Rm 108
- 1:30 PM Staff Meeting — Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 934 Meeting — Rm 113

- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball — Family Life Center
- 7:00 PM Women's Alcoholics Anonymous — Rm 102

#### Tuesday, July 15, 2025

- 10:00 AM Worship Planning Meeting— Rm 207
- 7:00 PM Modern Worship Band Rehearsal — Alspaugh

#### Wednesday, July 16, 2025

- 9:30 AM Weds Women's Bible Study — Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 PM Summer Tabor Table — Family Life Center
- 6:45 PM Adult Volleyball Game — Family Life Center

#### Thursday, July 17, 2025

- 7:30 AM Band of Brothers In-person/via Zoom— Rm 306
- 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal — Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Modern Worship Band Rehearsal — Alspaugh

#### Friday, July 18, 2025

#### Saturday, July 19, 2025

- 9:00 AM Pickle Ball — Family Life Center





## Mount Tabor UMC Night at the Winston-Salem Dash

**Friday, August 1 at 6:30 PM**  
**\$12 Tickets**



Learn more at  
[MtTaborUMC.org/event/night-at-the-dash/2025](https://MtTaborUMC.org/event/night-at-the-dash/2025)



### Our Response to God's Grace...

#### July 6, 2025 — Attendance

Online Worship	151
In-person Worship	352

#### July 6, 2025 — Giving

Budget Needs Each Week	\$34,811.00
Budget Gifts	\$36,252.58

#### BUDGET PLEDGES FOR 2025

*as of Jan. 26, 2025*

# Pledges: 252

for Pledge Total of \$1,318,613