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Sunday, August 16, 2026

Culmore United Methodist Church

Welcome and Good Morning!

Welcome and Announcements

Art by Sue Carroll

Happy Birthday!

Once again it's your birthday. Once again the time is here.
What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.
Happy time is your birthday, happy time this year.
What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.
Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.
For you have Jesus Christ everyday of your life.
Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.
The Lord bless and keep you.
Happy birthday to you. And to Jesus with you.
God bless you and keep you. Happy birthday to you.

Open My Eyes – UMH 454

Open my eyes that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free

Open my ears that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.

Silently now, I wait for Thee
Ready, my God, thy will to see
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Opening Prayer

LORD Jesus,

You have given us a glimpse of what lies beyond the reality of our everyday world, and You are there. In the midst of all we are dealing with in our daily lives, You are right there. Open our eyes so that we see You clearly.

Right here, right now, the door into heaven stands open before us. You are there, calling to us. Open our ears to hear Your voice.

Lord, give us the courage and confidence to accept Your call.

Let us walk with faith through the open door. ***Amen***

THE BOOK of
REVELATION

Look, behold! a door standing open in heaven…

KEEP
OUT!

When opportunity
knocks,
Open the door.

Revelation 4: 1-2

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open!

And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."

At once I was in the Spirit, and behold!

a throne stood in heaven, with One seated on the throne!

Mark 1:15

"The time has come," Jesus said.

"The kingdom of God **has come near**.

Repent and believe the good news!"

Matthew 4: 17

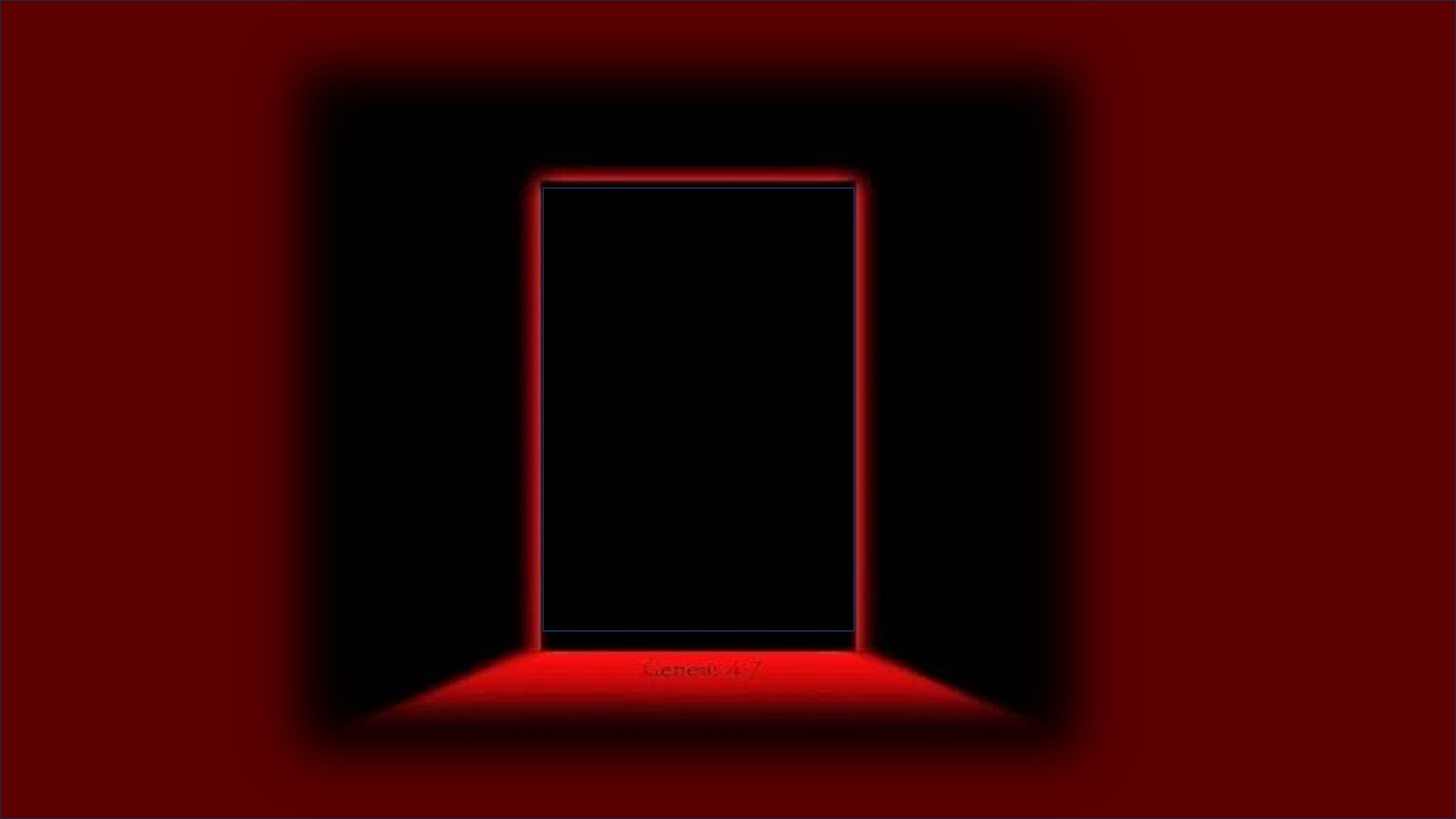
From that time on Jesus began to preach,

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven

has come near."

Jesus is telling us, "Repent! Turn from your own ways, and turn to God. Lift your eyes from earth and look to heaven. Reverse your direction, and stop walking away from God and begin walking towards God."

—William Barclay


Genesis 4:7

Genesis 4: 6-7

Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? **But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door**; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it."

Pass It On – UMH 572

It only takes a spark
To get a fire going,
And soon all those around
Can warm up in its glowing.
That's how it is with God's love
Once you've experienced it.
You spread his love to everyone,
You want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend
This happiness that I've found
You can depend on Him
It matters not where you're bound.
I'll shout it from the mountain top
I want my world to know
The Lord of love has come to me
I want to pass it on.

Community Prayer

Father God, we give You thanks and praise for all the ways we are blessed by Your love and grace. You have given us the privilege of sharing what You have given to us, and we pray that we will be eager to pass on all that we have to others.

Although we are unworthy of the honor we have been given of being Ambassadors for Your Kingdom, we want to do things in ways that bring You only honor and glory.

Give us clear vision from You to understand the needs we see all around us, as we respond to the situations in which You have placed us. Let us be Your humble servants who show others what it is truly like to be part of Your kingdom! **AMEN**

Offering and Doxology
UM Hymnal 95

We give thanks for this wonderful,
generous community of faith.

Doxology - UM Hymnal 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below

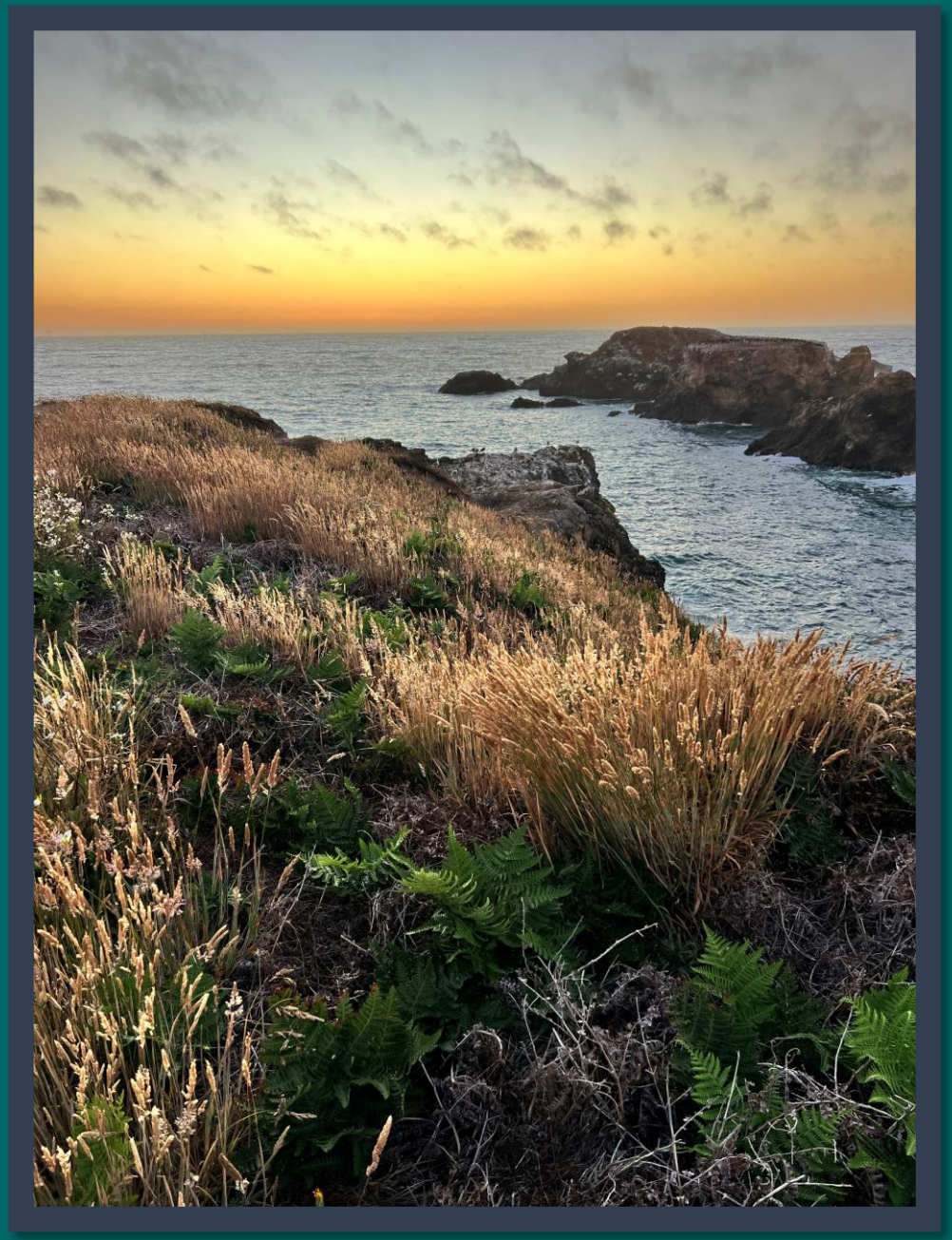
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



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Benediction

Look! a door

standing open in

heaven!