

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 23, 2026, 9:00 a. m.
Worship Leader - Pastor Jeffrey Brace
Liturgist - Gene Wenham – Accompanist - Cindy Greene
Ushers – John & Loann Beall – Fellowship Host – Jack & Judy Roberts

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting

L: The Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: The risen Christ is with us.

P: Praise the Lord!

Greeting One Another

Gathering Hymn - UMH 57 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
vs. 1-5,7

Call to Worship

L: Family of God, who are you?

P: We are disciples, formed by Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

L: Family of God, why do you gather?

P: To worship God who loves us and teaches us to love our neighbors, ourselves, and all creation.

L: Family of God, how do you worship God?

P: By loving boldly, serving joyfully, and leading courageously.

L: Family of God, receive this good news: in our loving, our serving, and our leading, we are not alone—God is with us!

P: We come to worship God by loving boldly, serving joyfully, and leading courageously in our community and through our worldwide connections, that we may be disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world. Amen.

Opening Hymn - UMH 558 We Are The Church

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading – Romans 12:1-8

Message – Disciples Transform the World

Prayer of Confession – *in unison*

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord, that we may live as disciples who transform the world. (Silent prayers of confession)

L: Receive the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God.

Time of Sharing

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Doxology - UMH 94

Offertory Prayer

Closing Hymn - UMH 114 Many Gifts, One Spirit

Benediction

Dismissal Hymn TFWS 2241 The Spirit Send Us Forth To Serve

News and Announcements

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This Week:

SU 23 – Back To School Sunday
MO 24 –
TU 25 –
WE 26 – Church Leadership Mtg
TH 27 –
FR 28 – Pastor's Sabbath Day
SA 29 - Open Table 4pm

Next Week:

SU 30 –
MO 31 -
TU 1 – First Day of School
WE 2 -
TH 3 -
FR 4 – Pastor's Sabbath Day
SA 5 -

Notes:

Tech Team Volunteers Needed!

Interested in joining our Tech Team? We'd love to have you! If you'd like to help with the audio, visual, or livestream ministry, please contact Emrick, Pastor Jeff, or the church office for more information and to sign up.

Volunteers Needed: Ushers, Readers, and Fellowship Hosts are needed. Please sign up on the volunteer sheets in the church entryway. Thank you for sharing your gifts and serving our church community!



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"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

Matthew 28:19-20 NIV