

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 6, 2026, 9:00 a. m.
Worship Leader - Pastor Jeffrey Brace
Liturgist - Christine Wonder **Accompanist – Cindy Green**
Ushers – Dennis & Ricki Goodwater **Fellowship Host – Alice Reynolds & Marilyn Eyster**

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 698 God of Ages

Call to Worship

L: Sometimes God calls us through burning bushes, telling us to go free a whole people despite our insecurities and fears.

P: God, help us accept your call on our lives.

L: Sometimes God calls us, and we don't understand the full meaning of the call, the ways our families, friends, and communities may resist the good news and us as messengers of it.

P: God, help us accept your call on our lives.

L: Sometimes God calls us to a path that is harder than we think we can handle, asking us to trust that God will provide what we need.

P: God, help us accept your call on our lives.

L: Beloved, God's call takes many forms. Sometimes it feels as natural as breathing, and sometimes we want to run as far as we can. But take assurance in this: You are not alone. God is with us, and God's call can be trusted, because no matter where it leads, God is there.

P: God, help us accept your call on our lives and to trust that what you equip us to do is what you call us to do as members of the Body of Christ. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Opening Hymn – UMH 292 What Wondrous Love Is This

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading – Exodus 3:1-15

Message – Lessons in Leadership: Acceptance

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

L: There is no greater joy in the heart of God than the moment when a child opens to the gift of forgiveness.

God's Spirit reaches out to assure us of welcome in Christ.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Glory to God! Amen.

Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Time of Sharing

Offering

Doxology - UMH 94

Offertory Prayer

Closing Hymn - UMH 338 Where He Leads Me I Will Follow

Benediction

Dismissal Hymn UMH 666 Shalom to You

This Week:

SU 6 – Communion Sunday, Women's Small Group 10am

MO 7 – Labor Day - Office Closed

TU 8 –

WE 9 – Prayer Shawl Group 1:30pm

TH 10 –

FR 11 – Pastor's Sabbath Day

SA 12 -

Next Week:

SU 13 – Fellowship Lunch – Noon@ Sweet Berry

MO 14 –

TU 15 –

WE 16 – Building A Beloved Community study 10:30am or 6:30pm
Men's Group 11:30 am

TH 17 -

FR 18 – Pastor's Sabbath Day

SA 19 -

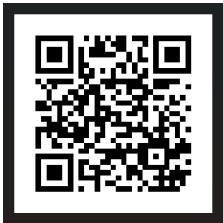
Dear Church Family,

Thank you to everyone who has already completed our congregational survey.

If you have not yet participated, there is still time. The study looks at how people participate in the life of the church and how that may be related to congregational health.

The survey takes about 25–30 minutes.

Survey link:



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C023-Lay>

The survey will remain open for about two more weeks.

Participation is voluntary. The survey does not ask for your name or email address, and church leaders will not be told who has or has not participated.

Thank you for considering sharing your perspective.

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*Then Jesus said to his disciples,
“Whoever wants to be my disciple must
deny themselves and take up their cross
and follow me.”*

Matthew 16:24