

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 13, 2026, 9:00 a. m.
Worship Leader - Pastor Jeffrey Brace
Liturgist – Gene Wenham Accompanist – Barb Cropp
Ushers – Karen Dexter & Sandy Metcalf Fellowship Host – Christine Wonder

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 558 We Are The Church

Call to Worship

L: Family of God, we live in a world full of conflict and division.

P: God calls us to be a people of reconciliation.

L: We live in a world full of misinformation and confusion.

P: God calls us to be a people of truth and clarity.

L: We live in a world that wants to settle disputes with harmful words and actions.

P: God calls us to be a people who make peace through compassion and honesty.

L: We live in a world that does not understand the ways of Jesus.

P: Yet Jesus teaches us to be a people of reconciliation and peace for the good of the whole world. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Opening Hymn – TFWS 2226 Bind Us Together

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading – Matthew 18:15-20

Message – Lessons in Leadership: Conflict

Prayer of Confession

L: When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God. Trusting in our Partner in grace, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer. (Silent confession.)

P: Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.

We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.

We love with condition. We judge and condemn.

We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray.

Forgive our sin and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

Time of Sharing

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Doxology - UMH 95

Offertory Prayer

Closing Hymn – TFWS 2223 They Will Know We Are Christians

Benediction

Dismissal Hymn UMH 672 God Be With You Till We Meet Again

This Week:

SU 13 – Green Beret Appreciation Dinner 4-9pm Fellowship Rm.
MO 14 – Meals on Wheels
TU 15 – Meals on Wheels
WE 16 – Meals on Wheels, Building A Beloved Community study
10:30am or 6:30pm, Men's Group 11:30 am
TH 17 – Meals on Wheels 2nd service music practice 6 pm
FR 18 – Meals on Wheels, Pastor's Sabbath Day
SA 19 -

Next Week:

SU 20 – Women's Small Group 10am, Fellowship Lunch – Noon
@ Anchor Bar & Grill in Newville
MO 21 –
TU 22 –
WE 23 – Building A Beloved Community study 10:30am or 6:30pm
TH 24 - Movie@241North 12:30pm, 2nd service music practice 6 pm
FR 25 – Pastor's Sabbath Day
SA 26 – Open Table @ 4pm

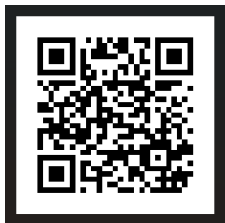
Dear Church Family,

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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“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven”.

Matthew 18:19 NIV