Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 27, 2026, 9:00 a. m.
Worship Leader - Pastor Jeffrey Brace
Liturgist – Marilyn Eyster Accompanist – Cindy Greene
Ushers – John & Loanne Beall Fellowship Host – Karen Dexter

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 – When We Are Called To Sing Your Praises TFWS 2216

Call to Worship
L: Have you heard God's call in your life?

P: We're not sure. Sometimes we think we know what God wants us to do; but at other times things are not very clear.

L: Place your trust in the Lord. God is with you always.

P: Lord, it is a scary thing to do--to just place our trust in you.

L: God is with you. You will be safe.

P: Thanks be to God who watches over us and guides us. AMEN.

Opening Hymn – Be Thou My Vision UMH 451

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading – Matthew 16:24-27

Message – Enough – When Dreams Become Nightmares

Prayer of Confession
L: God, we humble ourselves now in confession:
P: We want to be followers of Jesus, but we do not always want to follow Jesus.
We don't even want to listen when the conversation turns toward darkness and death.
We prefer to indulge ourselves.
We are eager to put down our crosses.
We cling tightly to our lives.
We grasp at worldly rewards.
L: Holy and loving God, forgive all of our thoughts and actions that would protect us from the path of Christ
(Silent prayer of confession)

Words of Assurance
(Prayer)
L: Friends, hear now the Good News: God has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of Christ Jesus, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen!

Time of Sharing
The Lord's Prayer

Offering
Doxology - UMH 95
Offertory Prayer

Closing Hymn – I Have Decided To Follow Jesus TFWS 2129

Benediction

Dismissal Hymn – The Trees of the Field TFWS 2279

This Week:
SU 27 – Worship at 9am and 10;30am
TU 29 – Pastor Jeff is out of the office Sep 29-Oct 1st for School of Leadership
WE 30 – Building A Beloved Community study 10:30am or 6:30pm
TH 1 – 2nd service music practice 6 pm
FR 2 – Pastor's Sabbath Day
SA 3 -

Next Week:
SU 4 – World Communion Day
MO 5 –
TU 6 – Coffee w/Pastor 8:30am @Cafe 26, Quilting Group 9am
WE 7 – Building A Beloved Community study 10:30am or 6:30pm
Men's Group 11:30 @ Milton Family Restaurant
TH 8 - 2nd service music practice 6 pm
FR 9 – Pastor's Sabbath Day
SA 10 –

Dear Church Family,
Thank you to everyone who has already completed our congregational survey. We still need some more responses.
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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When Dreams Become Nightmares
Matthew 16:24-27

"What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?"
Matthew 16:26 NIV