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September 6th, 2026

We welcome you not as strangers but as a part of God's family! We are a community of faith that gathers to praise our Lord and Savior, serve others, search for answers, and enjoy the fellowship of one another. We hope today you will be challenged and discover encouragement. The peace of Christ be with you!

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 6th, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

*Worship begins with the Prelude. Please use this time for **silent** preparation.*

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

CHORAL INTROIT

William Kethe

“O Enter then His Gates with Praise”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive: Matthew 22:36-40)

Leader: A Pharisee who was a lawyer asked Jesus as they gathered in the Temple -

People: *"Teacher, which commandment in the Law is the greatest?"*

Leader: Jesus said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,

People: *and with all your soul, and with all your mind.*

Leader: This is the greatest and first command and a second is like it:

People: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

Unison: On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN OF ADORATION # 275

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

*From our Protestant ancestors we inherited a strong belief in Grace Alone;
and Faith Alone; and Scripture Alone as the foundation stones of our Christian beliefs.
And we added one more as we said that we believe in the Priesthood of all Believers.
We are not a church divided into a cast of priests and a cast of people but are called
by God into a community where every Christian is a disciple in God's service. Forgive us,
O God, when we forget that this is our vocation as we serve as your Light and your
Blessing for this culture in which we live as your people. In the name of your Christ. Amen*

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

A MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN

*HYMN OF PREPARATION # 299

“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

*...Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our **debts**, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and
the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Amos 1:1; 2:6-8 / 7:10-17, page 849

ANTHEM

Katherine Davis

“Let All Things Now Living”

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE:

Luke 5:1-11, page 62

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Tom Currie

“Our Vocation and Our Occupation”

Prayer for Labor Day

Gracious God, as we gather to mark another Labor Day in our nation. We pray for your blessing upon the work of our hands and minds. May what we do in our community serve your good purposes and support justice by providing good jobs that will support individuals and their families and provide a culture in which we can all live caring and loving lives where the love of God is our sure and certain hope and the glue that binds us together so that no one is left out. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ who called us to love one another as we love and value ourselves. Amen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 300

“We Are One in the Spirit”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Jaroslav Vajda

“Go, My Children”

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if able.*

Opportunities for the Week of September 6th – September 13th

Sunday:	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / 2 Cents a Meal / Rev. Dr. Tom Currie
Monday:		Office Closed – Labor Day
Wednesday:	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday:	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Rev. Maggie Beamguard
	11:05 a.m.	Session Meeting

Announcements

Please take a moment and welcome our own Rev. Dr. Tom Currie as he brings forth our message for today.

The Worship Committee will be providing a survey for the congregation to review and submit the preferred time for Sunday School and Worship Service. The survey will be available soon.

The Pastoral Search Committee is working diligently to obtain feedback from our church family that will guide us in searching for a new Pastor. We invite every member of our church family to complete the Congregational Survey (Please use this link to access survey) <https://forms.gle/KACZEtmUGXBPeKYT7>. Your thoughtful input will help us identify key leadership priorities and understand our shared vision for local community ministry. If you prefer not to do the electronic survey, you may print the survey and mail it to the church office or drop it in the collection plate. Please contact Dale Buie with any questions.

Our One Call Communications list is being updated. Please review the One Call sign-up sheet that is located in the lower narthex and the church office and list your preference.

A Session Meeting has called a Congressional Meeting on Sunday, September 13th following worship service for the purpose of hearing the Nominating Committee's report regarding election of elders for the class of 2028 and election of the cemetery committee.

The flowers in the sanctuary is given to the glory of God by Carol & Paul White.