

September 7, 2025

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome! We are glad you came to worship with us today!  
It is our prayer that you will be richly blessed as we worship.

†Denotes please stand as you are able in praise to God.

**Pastoral Greeting:**

**Call to Worship:**

L: God is like a potter who shapes and forms our lives.

P: We have been called to be faithful to God's intention.

L: God seeks for us to be vessels of compassion and service.

P: We have been given multiple opportunities to witness to God's love.

L: Come, let us worship the Creator who has given us life.

P: Let us send our praises to God who knows us totally and loves us. AMEN.

**†Opening Hymn:**

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry" TFWS #2051

**Call to Prayer of Confession:**

L: Trusting in the power of God not only to fashion the world, but to mend and refashion our hearts, let us say how it is with us.

All: Forgiving God, we have messed up in so many ways. You gave us a wonderful world, filled with beauty, power, and majesty, and we have ravaged it - tearing away at its gifts with our own greed and cowardice. We have not treated this world or one another with compassionate love. We have turned our backs on situations of need in which we could have been instruments of help, healing, and peace. We have neglected service to others and have focused our lives on accumulating things and status. We have chased after false gods - greed, power, fame. You are the potter, O Lord. You fashioned us, but we focused on developing our flaws rather than working with our strengths. Please forgive us, Lord. Refashion us to be your people, celebrating your love in service to others. For we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

**Words of Assurance:**

**†Affirmation of Faith:** "The Apostles Creed" UMH #881

**†Gloria Patri:** UMH #70

**Passing the Peace of Christ:**

**Prayer for Illumination:**

All: God of wisdom, by your Spirit speak this day a word of life, and plant in us the power of your righteous love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**O.T. Scripture:** Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 UMH #854

**†Gospel Scripture:** Luke 14:25-33 Pew Bible Pg. 739

**Hymn of Preparation:**

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" TFWS #2129

**Message:**

Jay W Brown

**Special Music:**

**Pastoral and Lord's Prayer:** – (see bulletin insert)

**Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts:**

**\*The Doxology:** "Praise God....." UMH #95

**Holy Communion:**

**†Closing Hymn:** "Change My Heart, O God" TFWS #2152

**Benediction and Sending Forth:**

**Sending Forth:** "Make Me A Servant" TFWS #2176



**Church Announcements!!!!**

**Weekly Church Services:**

***Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.***

***Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 a.m.***

***Weekly Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.***

**Church Staff:**

**Ministers: All Members of the Congregation**

**Asst. to the Ministers: Jay W. Brown, CLM, OSL-Pastor  
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**Administrative Chairperson: Jack L. Turner, Jr.**

**Administrative Chairperson: (Emeritus) Roberta Suloff**

**Trustees Chairperson: Robert White**

**Please invite family and friends to view or follow our  
Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom.**

**You can also join the Zoom Meeting using the below:**

**This is the Zoom Meeting ID and Password:**

**Meeting ID: 84694237019**

**Passcode: church**

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**Whoever  
does not carry  
the cross and  
follow me  
cannot be  
my disciple.**

**Luke 14.27**

