

September 13, 2026

16th 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: Beloved family of God, today we gather with grateful hearts to honor the grandparents among us, those who have walked long roads of faith, those who have prayed over generations, and whose wisdom has shaped our lives.

P: We come giving thanks for their steady love, their stories, their strength, and their faithfulness.

L: Scripture says, "One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts." Today we celebrate the generations who have declared God's goodness to us.

P: We bless the grandparents who have taught us to pray, to hope, to endure, and to trust in the Lord.

L: Let us lift our voices, remembering that God has been faithful through every season of life from youth to old age, from first steps to steady steps.

P: We worship the God who sustains us, guides us, and keeps us through all generations.

L: Come, let us worship the Lord with joy. Let us honor those who have gone before us and celebrate the legacy of faith they continue to build.

All: We praise the Lord, our God, from generation to generation.

***Hymn of Praise: "Majesty, Worship His Majesty" UMH #176**

Prayer of Confession:

All: Holy and gracious God, from generation to generation You have been our dwelling place. Today, as we honor grandparents and all elders who have shaped our lives, we come confessing that we have not always cherished the gift of one another as You desire. We confess the times we have taken our elders for granted when we overlooked their wisdom, dismissed their stories, or forgotten their sacrifices. Gracious God, we want to be as grace-filled with ourselves and others as you are. Honestly, it's easier to sing about grace than it is to offer it freely and abundantly. Help us put our songs into action, our words of yearning into lives filled with mercy and forgiveness for ourselves and for others. (Con't)

Let your grace flow through our lives so abundantly that it overflows into every situation, protecting and preserving everyone it touches. In your love and grace, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

†Affirmation of Faith: (Traditional Version) UMH #881

*** Gloria Patri: (Glory Be to the Father) UMH #70**

***Passing of the Peace of Christ:**

Prayer for Illumination:

All: Holy Spirit, breathe upon us now. Open our eyes that we may see Your deliverance. Open our ears that we may hear Your truth. Open our hearts that we may receive Your grace. As Your Word is proclaimed, let it pierce through generations touching grandparents, strengthening parents, inspiring children, and planting seeds of faith in grandchildren. Speak, Lord, Your servants are listening. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 14:19-31 UMH #50

Epistle Scripture: Romans 13:8-14 Pew Bible Pg. 804

***NT Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35 Pew Bible Pg. 695**

Hymn of Preparation: "Jesus, Name above All Names" TFWS #2071

Message: Jay W. Brown, CLM/OSL

***Special Music:**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer: (see bulletin)

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts:

***The Doxology: UMH #95**

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion:

***Closing Hymn: "O How He Loves You and Me" TFWS #2108**

Benediction and Going Forth:

Postlude: "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

Tuesday's 7:00 p.m. at Wesley UMC

***(Any questions please check with either
Lettie-Jane or the Pastor)***

Church Staff:

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