

August 23, 2026 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 10:30 AM

*Those who are able, please stand

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We hope the service will be a blessing to you. This is the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost. This week explores how human power is temporary, but God's power is greater and can work through ordinary people who choose to do what is right. The message encourages us to use whatever power or influence we have not to control others, but to serve, protect, and help them.

Annual Fall Mum Sale/Fundraiser - Thru September 4th

August 23, 2026 - Free Lunch Monday -w/North Bush and Northville UMC

August 25, 2026 - Newsletter items due

Fonda County Fair Booth - September 2nd - September 7th

September 2, 2026 - Captain Outreach

September 14, 2026 - Bible Study begins

MUSICAL PRELUDE "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" Pianist Mavis Baldwin

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (In Unison)

Hear the good news: We are assured that when we feel powerless or unsure of what lies ahead, that God is still at work. Our strength may be limited, but God's power is not. We do not have to control everything or have the answers—we simply need to trust God and be faithful with what He has given us.

God is with us, God is working through us, and God will never leave us.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us worship the God whose power is greater than any power.

People: We trust in the power of God.

Leader: When we feel weak, uncertain, or afraid, God is with us.

People: We trust in the power of God.

Leader: When we are tempted to depend only on ourselves, let us remember who is truly in control.

People: We trust in the power of God.

Leader: God calls us to use power to serve, love, and care for others.

People: We trust in the power of God.

Leader: So let us put aside our worries, open our hearts, and worship the One who holds us in His hands.

People: We trust in the power of God.

GATHERING SONG

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

UMH 127

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (In Unison)

Gracious God, we thank you for your power and presence in our lives. Help us to trust you when we feel powerless and to use whatever influence we have to serve others. We pray for those who are afraid, those who feel forgotten, and those who need strength today. Give them courage and remind them that they are never alone. We pray for our families, our community, and our church. Guide our leaders and give them wisdom to use their authority with humility, compassion, and love.

TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS (Prayer request forms are at the back of the sanctuary)

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

"He Is Lord, He Is Lord!"

UMH 177

GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Sanctuary" Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, we thank you for your love, blessings, and presence with us each day. Help us remember that all we have and all we are come from you. Teach us to use our gifts, our resources, and our influence to serve others with humility and love. We dedicate ourselves to you, trusting in your power. Amen.

SONG OF COMMITMENT

"When We Are Living"

UMH 356

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (please stand)
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

GLORIA PATRI *(We use this ancient response to praise God for the Bible)* UMH 70

PSALTER READING Psalm 46 UMH 780

SCRIPTURE Exodus 1:8-2:10 | Matthew 16:13-20

SHARING THE STORY “Who Really Has The Power?” Pastor Thaddeus

SENDING SONG “Onward, Christian Soldiers” UMH 575

THE SENDING FORTH
We go forth trusting in the power and presence of God, knowing that we never walk alone. We will use the gifts, influence, and strength God has given us to serve others with love and humility. May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the presence of the Holy Spirit be with us today and always. Amen.
Amen.

MUSICAL POSTLUDE “God the Spirit, guide and Guardian” Pianist Mavis Baldwin

Prayer List: Pastor Ronald Talbott, Pastor Brad Chesebro, Joyce’s friend Joel, Gary Canfield, Bob Mabie, Baby Peter, John Goodell, Louis Antonucci, Derek Gray, Greg Gottung, James Medbury, James’s Mother, Warren Baldwin, Elaine Schrum, Carol Johnson, Bev Bartlett, Mike and Kacey Frederick, Sandy Marsh, Calae Bonfey, Ivy Patterson, The Sanfords and Don Williams

*** If you have a joy or a prayer request or would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain group, please call Carol Johnson at 518-921-9902 or
Email - prayers.nmsumc@gmail.com

Welcome to Worship

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We Gather to Worship

We Scatter to Serve

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

