

September 13, 2026 - Sixteenth 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 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost. God doesn't ask us to have the whole road mapped out—He asks us to trust Him and take the next step. This morning, we'll reflect on letting go of yesterday's hurts, failures, and disappointments so we can move forward in faith, forgiveness, and the grace of God.

We offer a free lunch every Monday from 11:00 - 12:30

September 13, 2026 - Trustee Meeting at Noon

September 14, 2026 - Free Lunch from 11:00 - 12:30 with North Main St. UMC

September 14, 2026 - Bible Study begins on the Book of Revelation 1:15 pm

September 15, 2026 - Wells House Service with Certified Lay Servants

September 21, 2026 - Monthly Food Pantry 10:00-1:00

MUSICAL PRELUDE “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” Pianist Mavis Baldwin

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (In Unison)

Hear the good news: God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Through Christ, our sins are forgiven, our burdens are lifted, and we are given new life. Therefore, let us leave behind the things that hinder us and walk forward in the grace and peace of God. Amen.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: When the way before us seems impossible, God calls us to move forward.

People: We will trust in the Lord and follow where God leads.

Leader: When we are tempted to dwell on the hurts and failures of yesterday, God calls us to let them go.

People: We will lay down our burdens and receive God's grace.

Leader: When others wrong us, Christ calls us to forgive as we have been forgiven.

People: We will release our anger and seek the Peace of Christ.

Leader: The road ahead may be uncertain, but God walks with us.

People: We will not fear. We will trust God and keep walking.

All: By the grace of God, we leave yesterday behind, embrace the journey before us, and walk forward in faith. Amen.

GATHERING SONG

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

UMH 89

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (In Unison)

Gracious and loving God, we come before You this day with grateful hearts, trusting in Your mercy and grace. Help us to lay down the burdens we carry, to release the hurts of the past, and to forgive those who have wounded us.

Give us courage when the way before us seems uncertain, and faith when we cannot see what lies ahead. Remind us that You are with us in every step, guiding our feet and strengthening our hearts.

SECOND SUNDAY OFFERING - BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS - Val Kevlin

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

“Our Father, Which Art in Heaven”

UMH 271

GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought” Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, we offer ourselves and our gifts to You this day. Take what we give and use it for Your glory and for the work of Your kingdom. Help us to let go of what holds us back, to trust You with what lies ahead, and to walk faithfully in the path You set before us. May our lives, our words, and our gifts

***** 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
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