

*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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost. We may not understand every step of our journey, but God is always working, bringing our different lives, gifts, and struggles together for a greater purpose. We are called to keep trusting, serving, and remembering that somewhere, somehow, God may be using us to make a difference in someone's life.

We offer a free lunch every Monday from 11:00 - 12:30
September 20, 2026 - Administrative Meeting at Noon
September 21, 2026 - Monthly Food Distribution from 10:00am - 1:00pm
No Bible Study this week. Study on Book of Revelation resumes Sept. 28

MUSICAL PRELUDE "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" Pianist Mavis Baldwin

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (In Unison)

Hear the good news: Whatever road we are walking today, we do not walk it alone. God is with us, guiding us and strengthening us, and somewhere, somehow, He is working—even when we cannot yet see the way forward.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who meets us wherever we are.
People: We come with open hearts, trusting that God is with us every step.

Leader: When we are uncertain, God gives us courage.
People: When we are weary, God gives us strength.

Leader: When we cannot see the whole picture, God reminds us to trust.
People: Somewhere, Somehow, God is working among us.

Leader: Let us set aside our worries and turn our hearts toward God.
People: We come ready to serve, encourage, and walk together in faith.

All: Together, we worship the God who guides our journey, strengthens our hearts, and brings our lives together for His purpose. Amen.

GATHERING SONG "Give Thanks" TFWS 2036

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (In Unison)

Gracious God, we lift up our families, our friends, our church, and all those who are carrying burdens today. Give us strength when we are weary, hope when we are uncertain, and hearts willing to encourage and serve one another. Help us trust that somewhere, somehow, You are working among us and guiding our steps.
Amen

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 "When We Are Living" UMH 356

GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Count Your Blessings" 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 many blessings and for walking with us each day. With grateful hearts, we dedicate today's offering to You, asking that these gifts be used to share Your love, serve those in need, and strengthen Your church. Help us give generously, serve faithfully, and trust that somewhere, somehow, You are working through us for a greater purpose.
Amen.

SONG OF COMMITMENT "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" UMH 103

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.

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

SCRIPTURE Exodus 16:2-15 | Matthew 20:1-16

<u>SENDING SONG</u>	"God Will Take Care of You"	UMH 130
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Gracious God, guide our steps as we leave this place. Help us walk together in faith, serve one another in love, and trust that somewhere, somehow, You are working through us. May we carry Your peace and love into the world. Amen.

Prayer List: The Family of Matt Capano, Nancy Marsh, Ron Holly's niece Kristen Shafer, Bob Baldwin, Pastor Ronald Talbott, Pastor Brad Chesebro, Joyce's friend Joel, Gary Canfield, Bob Mabie, John Goodell, Derek Gray, Greg Gottung, James Medbury, James' 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
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We Scatter to Serve

Someday
Somehow
Somewhere