

WELCOME

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We hope the service will be a blessing to you. Stewardship runs through today’s readings. How can we share our gifts and talents with our church and others? Please join us after the service for a time of food and fellowship - Use this time meet and talk with others in our Church.

September 22, 2025 - Free Lunch - 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM w/North Bush
September 22, 2025 - Bible Study at 1:15 in Parlor with CLS Sally Kwak
Neighborhood Engagement “Veggies to Go” - Sept. 25, 2025 3:00-6:00 PM @ Rail Station Park.
October 15, 2025.. Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner - Bistro-Pine St Gloversville
Take Out Only \$10.00 per person.. Tickets are available from Office, James or member of Fund Raising Team

MUSICAL PRELUDE “Peace in the Valley” Pianist, Mavis Baldwin

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (in unison)
Caring Lord, like the sheep who wanders away from the care and guidance of his shepherd, we have all been lost. We thank you that you do not leave us in that state but pursue us out of your compelling love and your sense of justice. Grant us a measure of participation in your love and justice that we may pursue all things lost with that same sense of urgency. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP
Leader: Gracious and loving God, we find it difficult at times to place our trust in you.
People: Too often we look at the world, and see only violence, pain, destruction, and signs of hopelessness and despair.
Leader: Too often we rely on our own strength, our plans, our devices, rather than trusting in your hand to hold us, your love to sustain us, your wisdom to see us through..
People: Help us turn to you when we are lost, that we might find our way home.

Leader: Help us navigate the treacherous waters of this world, that we might experience your abundant grace, mercy, and love.
People: Help us put our trust in you, that the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus may shine in our lives for all to see.
Leader: May we all proclaim that God’s presence is real and alive and thriving!
People: We see God’s grace, faithfulness, and steadfast love in our lives and in the world around us. Praise be to God!

GATHERING SONG “Come, We That Love the Lord” UMH 732

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (In Unison)
Like a waterfall that descends down the mountain, open our hearts to receive God’s faith and love, as they flow into our lives through Jesus the Christ, God of abundant grace. May your Holy Spirit be with us now as we worship you this day. May we experience God’s forgiveness and joy—gifts that leads to new life! May the words that are spoken, and the reflections of our hearts, be worthy of your grace, O God, that we might find guidance and strength for the journey, for ourselves and for one another. Amen

TIME WITH GOD’S KIDS

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS
(Prayer request forms are available 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 “O Lord, Hear My Prayer” TFWS 2200

GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Spirit of Gentleness” Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

We have received much from God—grace, mercy, abundance, the love of Christ, and the gift of life itself. Gracious and loving God, we thank you for these gifts and ask that they be used to help others in our church, our community and throughout the world. As we offer you these gifts, we offer ourselves as well, that together we might transform the world with your grace and love. Amen.

SONG OF COMMITMENT **“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”** **UMH 400**

PSALTER READING **Psalm 24** **UMH 755**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles Creed UMH 881

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

SCRIPTURE Gospel -- Luke 16: 1-13

SHARING THE STORY “The Parable of the Dishonest Manager” Pastor Joyce Royal

<u>SENDING SONG</u>	“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”	UMH 348
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THE SENDING FORTH

God of love and mercy, may the truth you offer stay with us when we leave this place; may all that is lost be found through your Spirit. Let us now go into the world knowing that it is God who loves us, God who has found us as lost sheep, Christ who strengthens us, and the Holy Spirit who empowers us for service. Go in peace and joy knowing that God's gift of grace to each of us goes with us. Amen.

MUSICAL POSTLUDE “Jesus Calls Us” Pianist, Mavis Baldwin

Let Us Pray For: Our World today, The Family of Darcy Palmateer, Jean Hart, Mike Frederick, Ron Holly's Friend Cindy Schick, The Family of Raymond Follett, Rev. Audie Miller, The Family of Jean Miller, Don Williams, Members of Bleecker and Ft Plain UMC, The Baldwin Family-Bucky and Elizabeth, Texas Flood Victims, Carol Johnson, Calae Bonfey, Ivy Patterson, The Sanfords..

***** If you have a joy or a prayer request please call Carol Johnson at 518-921-9902****
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Welcome to Worship

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We Gather to Worship

We Scatter to Serve

