



Who is sitting in the empty chair?

The Service of Worship

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2026

Liturgical Color: Green
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Day by Day
Dr. Carol Goff, piano

arr. Faye Lopez

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Rob Ray

Hymn

166 *All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine*

*Affirmation of Faith

881

The Apostles Creed

*Gloria Patri

70

Glory Be to the Father

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn

177

He Is Lord (sing twice)

Offering

Feel free to give as you feel led

Offertory Anthem

Since Jesus Came Into My Heart

The Sanctuary Choir

arr. Larry Shackley

What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought since Jesus came into my heart!

I have light in my soul for which long I have sought, since Jesus came into my heart!

Since Jesus came into my heart, floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll, since Jesus came into my heart.

I shall go there to dwell in that city I know, since Jesus came into my heart!

And I'm happy, so happy, as onward I go, since Jesus came into my heart.

Since Jesus came into my heart, floods of joy o'er my soul, like the sea billows roll, since Jesus came into my heart!

There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus. No, not one! No, not one! None else could heal all our soul's diseases. No, not one! No, not one!

Jesus knows all about our struggles. He will guide till the day is done. There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, No, not one! No, not one!

*There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth.
It sounds like music in my ear. The sweetest name on earth.*

*Oh, how I love Jesus! Oh, how I love Jesus!
Oh, how I love Jesus, because He first loved me!*

***Doxology** 94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Scripture Philippians 2:1-11 Nichole Lawson

Sermon IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU: Who is sitting in the empty chair?

Hymn 382 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

Closing Blessing

***Postlude** *Trumpet Voluntary* Thomas Sanders Dupuis
organ

*Stand as you are able

Acolyte: Sadie Brooke Grahl 11:00 Crucifer: Harris Coody 11:00

- The Altar flowers are given in loving memory of John Lunsford by his mom, Rebecca, his sister Jamie, and his family.
 - The flowers on the stand are given by Dale and Shannon Channell in loving memory and celebration of our late son, Ramey, on what would have been his 39th birthday. Forever loved, forever missed, and forever in our hearts.
 - A pre-school nursery is provided for children six weeks through four years. Children's Church is offered during the 11:00 a.m. service for children age four through those who have completed first grade. An usher will be happy to help you locate these ministries in the Education Building.
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Weekly Schedule

Today, September 27

5 p.m. - Children's Ministry Birthday
Bingo in the Fellowship Hall - prior
registration is required

Monday, September 28

10 a.m. - Diving Deeper Ladies Bible
Study in the Brad Brady
Conference Room

5 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study in the
Brad Brady Conference Room

6 p.m. - Cub Scouts in the Youth
Center

6 p.m. - Girl Scouts in the Education
Building

7 p.m. - Sanctuary Bells Rehearsal in
the Handbell Room

Tuesday, September 29

7 a.m. - Men's Prayer Fellowship in
the Fellowship Hall

11 a.m. - JOY Choir Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. - Youth Mission Trip
Interest Meeting in the Youth
Center

Wednesday, September 30

7 a.m. - Youth Prayer Breakfast in
the Youth Center

4 p.m. - Tree House Trades in the
Fellowship Hall

6 p.m. - Worship and Bible Study
Bring \$5 for pizza

6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir
Rehearsal

Thursday, October 1

6:15 a.m. - Men's F3 Basketball in
the FLC

12 p.m. - Prime Time Luncheon in
the Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 2

Private Event in the FLC

Honduras Mission Trip Raffle!

Stop by the church office to view
raffle prizes and purchase tickets
Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–12:30
p.m. and 1:30–4:30 p.m. Tickets are
\$5 each or 5 for \$20 (cash or
check) You may also scan the QR
code to view items.

Tickets will also be
available at
SoupFest on Sunday,
October 18, when
winners will be drawn
and announced!



Next Sunday!



We will collect jelly for the
Loaves and Fishes food
bank, next Sunday! Bring
your donations to the Narthex or to
the baskets at the end of the hall in
the Education Building.

THE SUGAR SHOWDOWN IS BACK! October is about to get SWEET!

The 9:00 a.m. service has claimed
the Sugar Crown for THREE YEARS IN
A ROW! But rumor has it the 11:00
a.m. crowd is tired of being second
place... and they're ready to stir
things up!

Will 9:00 keep their sweet streak
alive, or will 11:00 finally taste
victory? The stakes are sweet, and
the bragging rights are sweeter!

**Bring 4 lb. bags of sugar to church
throughout October and help YOUR
service claim bragging rights!**

All sugar collected will benefit Perry
Volunteer Outreach's Christmas
Food Boxes, helping local families
enjoy a sweeter Christmas.

**Two services. One sweet mission.
Let the sugar rush begin!**