

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 13, 2026

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Schönster Herr Jesu”

Setting: Lani Smith

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beth Sheahan, Liturgist

Leader: The Spirit is here to bless us all with a new song:

People: Let our joy be complete!

Leader: Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us,

People: to love one another!

Leader: The church family, gathered again.

People: Come, let our worship make a joyful noise, rejoicing in the almighty presence of God.

*HYMN #52 (see bulletin)

“Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven”

Lyte/Goss

*CALL TO CONFESSION

As we prepare for worship, may we remember all those times we have not shown mercy and grace to those around us. Let us now come before the throne of God, as we search our hearts and confess our sin to God, followed by a time of silent confession. Let us pray...

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

It is never easy for us to confess but deep down inside, we know that graced, we have trouble being grace-full to others; forgiven, we are eager to judge and punish all who hurt us; freed, we find ways to put restrictions on people we fear. Forgive us, Servant God. You show mercy more often than we deserve; you pardon us more times than we can count. And why? Because we are the Lord's - siblings of Jesus Christ, who died and lived again, so we might live beyond death with you... Our prayers continue in silence...

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: Hear the Good News of God's grace: There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea. No limit binds God's love for us, and no past breaks God's hold upon our lives. In Jesus Christ, your sins and mine, are washed away, and we are made new.

People: Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Share the peace of Christ with one another.

*HYMN #435 (see bulletin)

“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

Faber/Röntgen

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“I Will Arise”

Arr: Robert J. Powell

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Romans 14:1-12

ANTHEM

“You Are”

Wood/Petak

SECOND READING:

Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON

“Empathy in Action”

Rev. Rick Douylliez

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

*HYMN #439 *(see bulletin)*

“O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer”

Psalmody Sacra/Havergal

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The Apostles’ Creed

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Epilogue”

Lani Smith

(*) *We stand as we are able*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Bill Lyons, Diane’s stepfather.
Given by Jim and Diane Lowry*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elders of the Month: Laura Hall & Melody Jenkins

TODAY!!! Sunday, September 13 at 3:30 p.m. Resonance Service

Monday, September 14 at 10 a.m. Christian Service

Monday, September 14 at 7 p.m. PW Evening Circle

Tuesday, September 15 at 4 p.m. Missions

Wednesday, September 16 at 10 a.m. Finance Meeting

Wednesday, September 16 –W.A.T.C.H. food & fellowship from 5 to 6 p.m., followed by Programs & Choir

Thursday, September 17 at 1 p.m. CARDS

Thursday, September 17 at 5 p.m. MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday, September 20 at Noon - Missions Dinner

Monday, September 21 at 9 a.m. Tidy Team

Monday, September 21 at 12:30 p.m. Cornerstones Meeting

Monday, September 21 at 7 p.m. SESSION

SPECIAL GUEST FOR RESONANCE TODAY

THIS AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 13TH, AT 3:30 P.M., JOIN IN OUR DISCUSSION ON SCIENCE & FAITH WITH GUEST SPEAKER JANET KELLOGG RAY. Janet holds a PhD in curriculum and instruction.

She has spent 21 years teaching science at the University of North Texas. Raised a creationist, she's now a passionate evolution educator and committed Jesus follower who brings rare personal insight to the conversation between faith and science. She loves explaining evolution to questioners, doubters, deniers, and the genuinely curious, and is the author of *Baby Dinosaurs on the Ark, The God of Monkey Science, and Fish with Feet*.

Come join us on September 13th. In this conversation with Janet Kellogg Ray, we explore how evolutionary science and Christian theology aren't in conflict but instead illuminate each other.

MISSIONS DINNER NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH, AFTER CHURCH

This year's Missions Dinner to benefit the Fellowship for Disadvantaged Peoples in Bangladesh will be held at noon **Sunday, September 20th.** Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Patty June today. The menu for eat-in or take-out meals is Fried Chicken, Creamed Corn, Green Beans, Roll and Peach Cobbler.

W.A.T.C.H. now starts at 5 p.m.

It's okay if you can't be here til 5:30 p.m. But we will have food & fellowship time from 5 to 6 p.m. to allow enough time for programs starting at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16 at 5p.m.—BROWN BAG DINNER

Wednesday, September 23 at 5p.m.—BROWN BAG DINNER

Wednesday, September 30 at 5p.m. DINNER AT FIVE- We will eat at a restaurant (*stay tuned for the location*).

No programs on Sept 30th.