



September 6, 2026
Traditional Service
9-11 Remembrance 25th Anniversary

Prelude: “Nimrod” from the Enigma Variations - Elgar

Welcome

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord.

People: Call on God’s holy name.

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord.

People: Tell of God’s wondrous deeds.

***Opening Prayer: O God you are the One who sets people free. We give you thanks; you come to us in unexpected ways. You excite our curiosity that we may draw closer. You appear to us in fire and glory, in good times and in difficulty. While we would rather tend our flocks in peace, you call us instead to confront the powers that be, to challenge others to follow your direction, to true and lasting freedom in Christ. Amen.**

***Hymn:** UMH 61 - Come Thou Almighty King

Scripture: Romans 15:1-13 (8:45 Rodger Smith, 11:15 Jerry Gordon)

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor. For Christ did not please himself, but, as it is written, “The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.” For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles
and sing praises to your name”; and again he says,

“Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”; and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”; and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the gentiles;
in him the gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Offertory: Help Us Accept Each Other - Beck

***Doxology:** UMH 94

Sermon: Kristin Beall: “Blessed to be a Blessing”

Pastoral Prayer

Holy Communion

Confessional Prayer

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your loving-kindness. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins. For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin as ever before us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn:** UMH 620 - One Bread, One Body

***Benediction** (Kristin)

Postlude: “Andante Commodo” from Sonata in E Major - Scarlatti