



**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 28, 2025**

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome

Prelude

A Light Unto My Feet

Frick

The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.

Call to Worship

Damon Moore

God is our refuge and our fortress.

In God, we place our trust.

When we are weary,

God lifts us up on wings like eagles.

Come before the Lord with joy and longing.

God is our hope and our salvation.

Opening Prayer

Damon Moore

Holy God, we humble our hearts before you
in thanksgiving and awe.

For by your mercy, we find ourselves at home
in the branches of your family tree.

We discover ourselves to be a people
with a love that never fails.

We find ourselves within your grand love story
for all time and all creation.

Whom can we thank, but you, for such great mercy?

Bring your kingdom into our midst
as we worship you this day. Amen.

Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

UMH 64

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Passing the Peace of Christ

Damon Moore

Having set our hearts on things that are above, let us share our joy with one another by exchanging signs of Christ's peace.

Children's Message

Pastor Larry

Ministry of Music

Who Can Satisfy?

Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Understanding

All Praying

**Living Word of God,
like garden soil prepared for tender spring plants,
our hearts and minds are ready to receive
the gift of your divine love story.
May it live and grow in us forever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Response to the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn

It is Well with My Soul

UMH 377

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The Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

**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.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Gloria Patri**

UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.

Morning Prayer

Pastor Larry

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.

Invitation to the Offering

Damon Moore

**Generous Spirit, you call us to share our riches
with the poor and disadvantaged,
lest we follow self-interest
to our ruin and destruction.
Teach us to bestow your blessings
on those in need,**

lest we be trapped by selfish desire.
Set our hearts on the riches of good works,
rather than the allure of earthly treasures.
Help us take hold of the life that really is life. Amen.

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*
**Doxology* *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Limmel

**Prayer of Dedication*
**Loving God, you protect us from harm
and shelter us in your loving arms.
Just as you deliver us from evil,
may these offerings lead others
to find the hope of your salvation.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

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GOING FORTH TO SERVE

***Hymn** *The Trees of the Field*
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***Benediction**

Pastor Larry

***Choral Benediction** *As We Go*
As we go, may your Spirit go before us.
As we go, may we follow where you lead.
May we live what we have learned,
share the message we have heard,
and be a light unto the world as we go.

Postlude *Adoramus*

Grieg

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.*

*4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.*

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Refrain:

***It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.***

*2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.*

(Refrain)

*3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

(Refrain)

*4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul.*

(Refrain)

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
There'll be shouts of joy,
And all the trees of the field will clap,
Will clap their hands.*

*And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
The trees of the field will clap their hands,
The trees of the field will clap their hands
While you go out with joy.*

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