



**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 12, 2025**

**GATHERING AND PRAISE**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

*The King of Love*

Gounod

*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**

Dan Ensor

People of Faith, come and see what God has done!

**God has guided us and walked with us.**

See how God has protected us.

**God has brought us to this sacred space.**

Let us give glory to God!

**Let us sing praises to God!**

**Opening Prayer**

Dan Ensor

Holy One, we gather to sing your praises!

We are grateful for the gift of this day  
and all the ways you make your presence known.

We are grateful for your abiding Spirit  
and the ways the Spirit empowers us  
to be your people.

In this time of worship, deepen our faith.  
Restore our souls and heal us.  
After we have spent time with you,  
return us to our community,  
that we may share your love and grace  
with everyone we meet.  
In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

**Hymn**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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**Passing the Peace of Christ**

Dan Ensor

The living Christ is here with us!  
Praise be to God!  
May the peace of Christ dwell deeply in our souls.  
We will share this peace  
with the entire community.  
Let us do so now.

**Children's Message**

Pastor Larry

**Ministry of Music**

*With Endless Praise!*

Choir

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**Prayer for Understanding**

*All Praying*

**O Lord, may the words that are spoken  
proclaim your good deeds,  
tell the stories of your faithfulness,  
and remind us how to live in your ways.  
Amen.**

**Scripture Reading**

*Luke 10:1-12; 17-20*

**10** After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. <sup>2</sup> He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. <sup>3</sup> Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. <sup>4</sup> Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

<sup>5</sup> "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' <sup>6</sup> If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Stay there, eating

and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

<sup>8</sup> “When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. <sup>9</sup> Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ <sup>10</sup> But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> ‘Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.’ <sup>12</sup> I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

<sup>17</sup> The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

<sup>18</sup> He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup> I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. <sup>20</sup> However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

### **Response to the Word**

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Hymn**

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

UMH 349

### **Sermon**

*The Harvest*

Pastor Larry

### **The Apostles' Creed**

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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**

Dan Ensor

God has done amazing things in our lives! Now is the time to offer our gratitude for all the blessings we have received. With thanks and praise, let us offer our gifts to God.

**Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings**

*Offertory*

*My Morning Prayer*

Gabriel

*\*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!***

*\*Prayer of Dedication*

Dan Ensor

"Together, let us dedicate our tithes and offerings to God."

**Gracious God, we come to say thank you  
for all the ways you bring forth life  
and health and renewal.**

**Bless these gifts,  
that they may bring forth life and healing  
in our community. Amen.**

## GOING FORTH TO SERVE

### **\*Hymn**

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*I Love to Tell the Story*

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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**

*Church in the Wildwood*

Pitts

## GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.*

*2. Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.*

*3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.*

## TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in his wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow  
Strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.*

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## I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

*1. I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story,  
because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else can do.*

***Refrain:  
I love to tell the story,  
'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.***

*2. I love to tell the story;  
more wonderful it seems  
than all the golden fancies  
of all our golden dreams.  
I love to tell the story,  
it did so much for me;  
and that is just the reason  
I tell it now to thee. [Refrain]*

*3. I love to tell the story;  
'tis pleasant to repeat*

*what seems, each time I tell it,  
more wonderfully sweet.  
I love to tell the story,  
for some have never heard  
the message of salvation  
from God's own holy Word. [Refrain]*

*4. I love to tell the story,  
for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story  
that I have loved so long. [Refrain]*