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“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”



July 26, 2026

9th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Worship

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Piano and Organ: Terri Boykin

8:30 Worship

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Psalm 105

O give thanks to the Lord, call on His name,
make known His deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;
tell of all His wonderful works.**

Glory in His holy name;

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and His strength;

seek His presence continually

Remember the wonderful works He has done!

*Hymn

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

UMH #121

*Opening Prayer

**Holy God, we try to fix and fasten You, but You will not be stayed.
You are love in motion: always breathing us into being, calling us to
serve, sustaining us in the wilderness. Come to us as the morning
breaks. Soften what has grown dry and brittle in our hearts until we
worship with abandon, for we pray in the name of the Son You sent
and through the Spirit that gives us life. Amen**

*Passing the Peace

*Welcome! Please take the next 60 seconds and find someone you did not come
to church with and greet them in Jesus' name!*

PRAISE AND PROCLAMATION

Scripture Lesson

Romans 8:26-39

Angie Bean

SwanKids Worship

All kids are welcome to follow our staff for SwanKids Worship during the sermon.

Anthem

“A Reason for Singing”

Choir

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sermon

“Yes, and...”

Rev. Elias Ballew

RESPONSE

*Hymn of Response

“To God Be the Glory”

UMH #98

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle’s Creed

UMH #881

Congregational Sharing: Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory Song

“Thy Word”

Choir

*Doxology

UMH #95

95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical score is for the hymn 'Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow'. It is written in 2/2 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The score consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.' The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines, along with chord symbols (G, G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G, G, D, Em, C, G, D, Em, D, G, D, G/B, C, D/F#, G/B, G, Em, D, Am, G, D7, G, C, G) placed above the treble staff.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

*Hymn

“Forward Through the Ages”

UMH 555

Postlude

“As We Go”

W&S #3183

“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.”

** Please stand as you are able.*