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



August 16, 2026

12th 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

Welcome to the celebration of God's love!

We are grateful for this welcome.

Feel the loving power of God flow into your lives.

We open our hearts and lives to receive God's blessings.

Come, let us worship God who is always with us.

Lord, be with us today as we listen for Your words of hope.

*Hymn "In Christ There Is No East or West" UMH #548

*Opening Prayer

Almighty God, whose compassion embraces everyone, gather the outcast and the lost, heal the wounds of fear and distrust, and make us a community of reconciliation that we may embody Your merciful love and rejoice in Your astounding grace in Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit. 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!

Ministry Moment Prison Ministry Jermaine Gardner

PRAISE AND PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Sally Sanino

SwanKids Worship

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

Anthem "10,000 Reasons" Rob Blackwell

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 15:10-28

Sermon "Begging for Scraps" Rev. Elias Ballew

RESPONSE

*Hymn of Response "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" UMH #452

Reception of New Members UMH #33

Congregational Sharing: Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory Song "Psalm 90"

Rob Blackwell

*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. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The second system starts with a measure rest in the treble staff and continues with the bass staff. The third system also has a measure rest in the treble staff. Chord symbols are written above the notes: G, G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G, G, G, D, Em in the first system; C, G, D, Em, D, G, D, G/B, C, D/F#, G/B in the second system; G, G, Em, D, Am, G, D7, G, C, G in the third system. 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.'

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

*Hymn "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" UMH #430

*Benediction

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.