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



*The chancel flowers on the altar are
in memory of
Paul W. Ambrose, MD., always remember
9/11, given by Ken & Sharon Ambrose.*

*The flowers in the Narthex are in memory of
Albert “Al” Smith given by his family.*



By Liam Boyce

September 13, 2026
16th Sunday after Pentecost
8:25 a.m. Worship



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8:30 Worship

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Prelude in C”



*Call to Worship

When the tides of fear seem to overwhelm us, we cry out....

Lord, come to us and lead us to paths of safety!

When we feel lost and alone, and we wonder if anyone cares about us, we cry out....

Lord, come and heal our wounded spirits!

When turbulence within and without seem to threaten us, we cry out....

Lord, bring us peace. Amen.

*Hymn

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

UMH #315

*Opening Prayer

God, our source and our salvation, in love You made us, and by love You have redeemed us. Make Your love for us bear fruit in our forgiveness of others, that in this life we may know Your all-embracing compassion and in the world to come receive the everlasting joy of fellowship You share with Your Son, Jesus Christ, and 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!

PRAISE AND PROCLAMATION

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:21-35

John Stevens

SwanKids Worship

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

Anthem

“Wade in the Water”

Choir

Sermon Scripture

Exodus 14:19-31

Sermon

“This is the Sea”

Rev. Elias Ballew

RESPONSE

*Hymn of Response

“Down to the River to Pray”

WS #3164

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory Song

“Do Not Be Afraid”

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' (UMH #95). 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 with lyrics 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures'. The second system continues the melody with lyrics 'here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;'. The third system concludes the hymn with lyrics 'praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.' Chord symbols are provided above the notes: G, G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G, G, D, Em, C, G, D, G/B, C, D/F#, G/B, G, G, Em, D, Am, G, D7, G, C, G.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

*Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation”

UMH #529

Postlude

“Guide My Feet”

FWS #2208

“Guide my feet while I run this race. (Yes, my Lord!) Guide my feet while I run this race. (Yes, my Lord!) Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don’t want to run this race in vain! (race in vain)”

** Please stand as you are able.*