

ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
"Bringing People to Christ and Christ to People"

August 16, 2026

9:45 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE (*Please prepare your hearts and minds for worship.*)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME – *A hearing assistance system and large print materials are available. Please see an usher.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (**Please rise in body or spirit.*)

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: How good it is to sing praises to our God!

Leader: How great is our God! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond our comprehension.

People: How good it is to sing praises to our God!

Leader: The Lord delights in those who honor him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

People: How good it is to sing praises to our God!

ALL: Come, let us praise the Lord!

***HYMN** *O For A Thousand Tongues* (vs 1,3,4) **UMH 57**

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 45:1-8

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, "Have everyone leave my presence!" So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it. ³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence. ⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶For two years now there has been famine in

the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. ⁷But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. ⁸“So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***BLESSING THE OFFERING**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN *Standing On the Promises* (vs 1,3,4)

UMH 374

SCRIPTURE

John 8:31-32

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³²Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

MESSAGE

“To Thine Own Self Be True”

***HYMN *All Hail the Power* (vs 1,3,5)**

UMH 154

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Let There Be Peace On Earth* UMH 431

EXTINGUISHING OF ALTAR CANDLES

POSTLUDE

Music Director: Mike Nelson
Videographer: Roger Vandegrift
Liturgist: Buddy Pennewell
ASL Interpreter: Lynn Kohler

 **Announcements** 

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 6, THE SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM

ONE BOARD Meeting – Monday, Aug. 17 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.
Please see Linda Stark for the link. Everyone welcome to attend.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER – Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 5:00 p.m. at Mission BBQ. Please let Jean Powell know if you will attend.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS – Sunday, Aug. 30

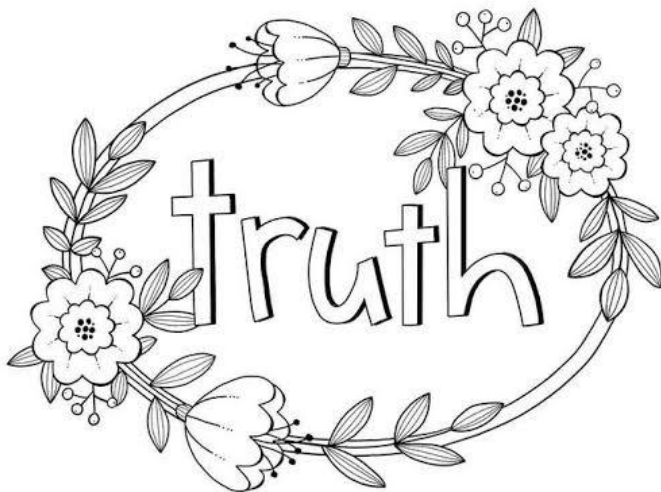
FRUITLAND BAPTIST FOOD BANK – Monthly requests include diced tomatoes, soups, canned meats, tomato sauce, canned greens (any type), canned potatoes, peas, and toilet paper.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST FAMILY SUPPORT – Requests include: corn flour, vegetable oil, sugar, spaghetti noodles and sauce, rice, beans, and feminine hygiene products.

PRAYER CHAIN – Call or text Pat Kern at 443-783-6423.

NEWSLETTER – Submit information by the 20th of the month to Paul Nelson at pnelson37@gmail.com

SOCIAL HOUR – See Buddy Pennewell or Cathy Grim to help.



You will know the truth,
and the truth will set you free!

John 8:32

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