

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

August 2, 2026

9:45 a.m.

Tenth 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. See an usher.*

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

Leader: Strength is

People: commanding the wind and sea to obey.

Leader: Strength is

People: wielding a slingshot in the face of a raging giant.

Leader: Strength is

People: accepting vulnerability from inside the boat.

Leader: Strength is

People: standing in solidarity with the powerless.

Leader: Strength is

People: turning a cheek.

Leader: Strength is

People: loving an enemy.

ALL: We come to worship a God who redefines our vision of strength.

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***HYMN** *Shine Jesus Shine* (vs 1, 2)

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SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:12-13

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

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

HYMN *Softly and Tenderly* (vs 1,2,4)

UMH 348

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:38-39

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for
tooth.’ ³⁹But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone
slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.

MESSAGE *To Err is Human, To Forgive Divine*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Said in unison)

Holy God, we confess that we do not always love our neighbor.
We confess that we have despised others, even to the point of
hatred. We confess that we have been hurt by others. We
confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times are just
impossible for us. We know that nothing is impossible in You.
We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness for us. Help
us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others, to seek
reconciliation and healing and forgiveness. For Your Son came
and lived among us, was betrayed and denied, abused and put
to death. He rose again, and came with the message of peace
to those who had denied him and abandoned him. May we
walk in his ways. Amen.

COMMUNION

UMH 13

HYMN *We’ve a Story To Tell* (vs 1,3,4)

UMH 569

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Let There Be Peace

UMH 431

EXTINGUISHING OF ALTAR CANDLES

POSTLUDE

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Announcements

NEW SERVICE TIME

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 6, THE SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – Tuesday, August 4 from 5-8 pm.
Sponsored by City of Fruitland Police Department at the Fruitland Park (200 S. Brown St.) Free food, live music, face painting, community giveaways, family-friendly activities. St. John's will sponsor a table at the event. Come join us!!!

MISSIONS TEAM MEETING – after the service next Sunday.

FRUITLAND BAPTIST FOOD BANK – Monthly requests include diced tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, pancake mix, mixed vegetables, soups and toilet paper. A special request for items that be included in children's snack bags. Donations due first Sunday each month.

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 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.