

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

August 23, 2026

9:45 a.m.

Thirteenth 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: Our help is in the name of the Lord our God,

People: the Maker of heaven and earth,

Leader: who comes to our aid in times of need,

People: who gives us the courage to do what we know is right,

Leader: who invites us to turn away from the influences of the world around us

People: and to confess Him alone as Saviour and Lord.

ALL: This is our God! Let's worship together.

***HYMN** *Amazing Grace (vs 1,2,4)*

UMH 378

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 124

If the Lord had not been on our side—let Israel say—²if the Lord had not been on our side when people attacked us, ³they would have swallowed us alive when their anger flared against us; ⁴the flood would have engulfed us, the torrent would have swept over us, ⁵the raging waters would have swept us away. ⁶Praise be to the Lord, who has not let us be torn by their teeth. ⁷We have escaped like a bird from the fowler's snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped. ⁸Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

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**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

UMH 881

***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 71

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen. Amen.

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 *I Am Thine* (vs 1,2,4)

UMH 419

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:1-8

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's
mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing
to God—this is your true and proper worship. ²Do not conform
to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing
of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what
God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. ³For by the
grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of
yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself
with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has
distributed to each of you. ⁴For just as each of us has one body
with many members, and these members do not all have the
same function, ⁵so in Christ we, though many, form one body,
and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶We have different

gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

MESSAGE “What Can We Do?”

***HYMN** *Take My Life*

UMH 399

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Let There Be Peace*

UMH 431

EXTINGUISHING OF ALTAR CANDLES

POSTLUDE

Music Director: Mike Nelson
Videographer: Roger Vandegrift
Liturgist: Cathy Grim

 **Announcements** 

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 6, THE SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM

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

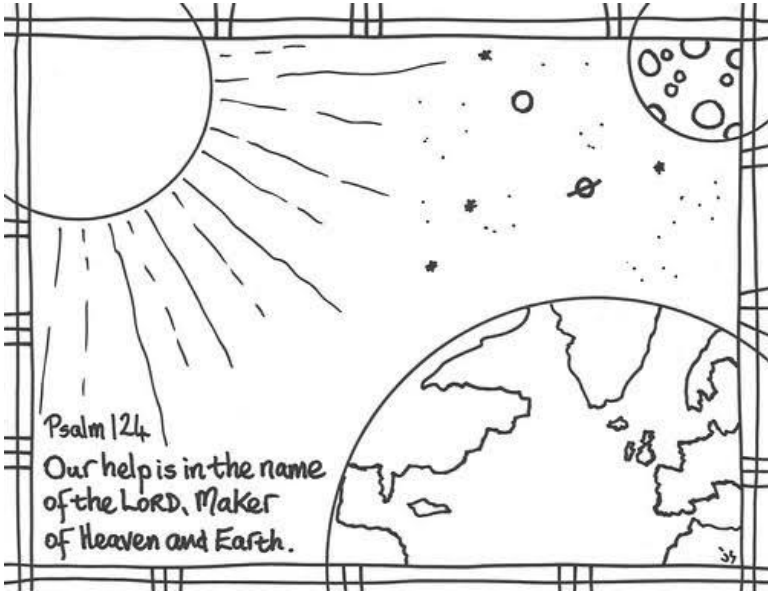
BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS – Sunday, Aug. 30

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.

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



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