

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

August 30, 2026

9:45 a.m.

Fourteenth 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: God of the prophets, call to us today.

People: Call us into Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.

Leader: God of the poets, remind us again how much You love us

People: Sing to us Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.

Leader: God of the disciples, teach us how to follow You

People: Teach us Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.

Leader: God of all creation, help us to know Your ways

All: We gather to hear Your call, to sing Your praise, to teach each other, to pray and worship as the Body of Christ.

written by Rev. Mindi, on her [Rev-o-lution](#) blog

***HYMN Holy, Holy, Holy! (vs 1,2,4)**

UMH 64

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 105:1-5

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. ²Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. ³Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. ⁴Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. ⁵Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced.

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, for ever.
Amen.

HYMN Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone

UMH 424

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12: 9-21(Summary)

MESSAGE "How Do We Do It?"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (said in unison)

God of Moses and Mary, we could live at peace with others,
but we choose to do wrong to them; we could welcome those
we do not know but choose to close our hearts; we could make
outsiders our best friends, but choose the safety of our cliques.
Forgive us, Genuine Love, for our foolish choices. Hold on to
our shaky lives, until we learn to clasp your goodness to our
hearts, so we can give it away to those around us. Whisper
your grace and hopes to us, until we can stop cursing our
enemies, and bless them as our friends. Smooth the rough
edges of our arrogance, until we become polished enough to
win the gold in being honorable. Then, we would put aside our
stumbling blocks to discipleship, so we can follow Jesus Christ,

our Lord and Savior, as he leads us to your way of denial and life.

HEALING SERVICE

UMH 35 (sections 8 and 9)

***HYMN The Summons (vs 1,5)**

UMH 2130

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION Let There Be Peace**

UMH 431

EXTINGUISHING OF ALTAR CANDLES

POSTLUDE

Music Director: Mike Nelson

Videographer: Roger Vandegrift

Liturgist: Buddy Pennewell

✠ Announcements ✠

BEGINNING NEXT WEEK, THE SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM

CHURCH CONFERENCE – Oct. 14 at 6:00 p.m. at Bethesda UMC

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.

Seek the
Lord
and his
Strength
Psalm 105:4

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