

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

September 20, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Seventeenth 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: Already overburdened with the demands of work and leisure, family and friends, we come to this place in search of rest.

People: May we find here the strength to work for justice.

Leader: Forgiveness is elusive and anger is justified, too often we settle for the sweet fleeting fruit of revenge.

People: May we find here the patience to embody mercy.

Leader: Deluded by the world in which we live receiving power and prestige and money as just reward missing the Spirit's call to a life grounded in humble service.

People: May we find here the wisdom to walk in the Spirit.

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***HYMN** *He Touched Me*

UMH 367

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 22:6

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

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 *Nothing But the Blood* (vs 1,3,4)

UMH 362

SCRIPTURE

James 1:27

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is
this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to
keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

MISSIONS SPECIAL GUEST:

Big Brothers/Big Sisters

HYMN *Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone

UMH 424

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

In His Time (vs 1)

FWS 2203

EXTINGUISHING OF ALTAR CANDLES

POSTLUDE

🌀 Announcements 🌀

WEEKEND FOOD BAGS – for Fruitland Intermediate will be packed after the service next Sunday

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

FRUITLAND BAPTIST FOOD BANK – Monthly requests include spaghetti sauce, diced tomatoes, soups, pancake mix, instant potatoes, fruit cups, 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.

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

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