

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

September 6, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Fifteenth 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: Family of God, we live in a world full of conflict and division.

People: God calls us to be a people of reconciliation.

Leader: We live in a world full of misinformation and confusion.

People: God calls us to be a people of truth and clarity.

Leader: We live in a world that wants to settle disputes with harmful words and actions.

People: God calls us to be a people who make peace through compassion and honesty.

Leader: We live in a world that does not understand the ways of Jesus.

People: Yet Jesus teaches us to be a people of reconciliation and peace for the good of the whole world.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2026

***HYMN** *In the Garden*

UMH 314

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 149-1-5

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful. ²Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King. ³Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre. ⁴For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the

humble with victory. ⁵Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.

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 *Spirit Song*

UMH 347

SCRIPTURE

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

MESSAGE **"God is Love"**

HYMN *Victory in Jesus*

UMH 370

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION (Said in unison)**

As we move into the week ahead, may God bless us with the desire to restore community when it is broken, to hold boundaries with firmness and grace, to listen with curiosity, and to speak with gentleness, that all may know we are disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *In His Time (vs 1)*

FWS 2203

EXTINGUISHING OF ALTAR CANDLES

POSTLUDE

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

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∞ **Announcements** ∞

TODAY – BAZAAR MEETING during Social Hour

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR W. PAUL NELSON – Next Sunday (Sept. 13) at 11:30 a.m. at St. John's. Fellowship Dinner follows in the Social Hall. Please bring a covered dish.

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP DINNER – Sept. 15 at 5:00 p.m. at Denny's in Fruitland. Please let Jean Powell know if you will attend.

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.

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