

Liturgist: Samantha Howlett

Suggested Readings for September 7, 2025:

Jeremiah 18:1-11; Deuteronomy 30:15-20;

Psalms 78: 1-2, 34-38 Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-53

• In-person Attendance Last Week: 83

• Sunday School Attendance Last Week: 49

The Christian Gospel is that I am so flawed that Jesus had to die for me, yet I am so loved and valued that Jesus was glad to die for me. This leads to a deep humility and deep confidence at the same time. It undermines both swaggering and sniveling. I cannot feel superior to anyone, and yet I have nothing to prove to anyone. I do not think more of myself or less of myself. Instead, I think of myself less.

- Tim Keller

Ministers: All professing members of Locust Grove GMC

Pastor: Rev. Booker D. Brown, Jr.

James 4:10

**Humble yourselves in
the sight of the Lord,
and he shall lift you up.**



Welcome Guest! We are happy you have chosen to worship with us. We pray that the Lord will touch your heart today and fill you with the truths of God.

Locust Grove Global Methodist Church

Sunday School for all ages, 10:00 AM

Worship, 11:00 AM

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025

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(*Please Stand as You Are Able)

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

**PRAISE SONG*

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**CALL TO WORSHIP, (Responsive Reading, Adapted from Psalm 15)*

L: Who shall dwell on God's Holy Hill?

P: Who shall live in God's sacred space?

L: Those who love good shall be found on the Mountain.

P: They that love justice shall be found near the Lord.

L: From the house of their God, they shall never be moved.

P: Though they travel the world, they shall never depart.

Come, let us praise and worship our God!

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, flow through our worship and our lives. Expand your love in and through each of us and through our community of faith, that we might create a place of such hospitality and love that all may feel truly welcome. Reach out through us and our community of faith, beyond our walls, to the stranger, the lost, and the lonely, so that we might discover just how abundant your love truly is.

Amen

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor Booker

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Booker

THE LORD'S PRAYER

#895, Hymnal

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN "Rescue the Perishing" #591, Hymnal

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Booker

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Pastor Booker

SCRIPTURE READING

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (Pg. 859) Psalm 81:1, 7-14

GOSPEL LESSON (Pg. 1590) Luke 14:1, 7-14

SERMON "Choose Your Seat" Pastor Booker

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version, #881, Hymnal
Gloria Patri, 70, Hymnal*

**CLOSING HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" #206, Hymnal*

GOING FORTH FOLLOWING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

**CLOSING PRAYER*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE