

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

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OPENING WORDS: Exodus 17: 1-7

OPENING HYMN

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

UMH 117 V. 1-3

WELCOME

Pastor Scott Clawson

CALL TO WORSHIP

The apostle Paul calls us to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." What is the mind of Jesus?
The mind of Jesus is to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.
Paul reminds us that "it is God who is at work in you." How is God at work in us?
God enables us through grace to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.
Paul exhorts us to "work on your own salvation with fear and trembling." How do we work on our own salvation?
We cooperate with grace to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.
Beloved, we gather to worship God who, through Jesus, shows us how to love and enables us to love as Christ loves us.
We gather to learn how to live in full accord through our love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

*HYMN

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UMH 117 V. 4-6

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ANTHEM

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Philippians 2: 1-13

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"Massah and Meribah"

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*HYMN

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

UMH 361

BENEDICTION & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

RESPONSE

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

11:00 AM WORSHIP LEADERS

Acolyte: Sarah Hanson

Lay Reader: Sarah Hanson

Ushers: Elaine Nicholls

NMUMC by the Numbers: September 20, 2026

8:15 AM: 15 9:30 AM: 35 11:00 AM: 37 Online: 26

Total Offering: \$2,621.00 Regular Offering: \$1,946.00

Hope4Kids: \$5.00 Memorial Fund: \$50.00

New Ministry Center: \$620.00

Thank You

for your gifts to New Market United Methodist Church. Because of your generosity, we are able to share the good news of Jesus and serve our congregation and our neighbors.

Update on weekly giving budget goal of \$5,862.53 to the Regular Offering --

which is the account used to pay the monthly bills. This figure is determined by the approved FY26 budget amount being divided by 12 months.

As will be detailed in the October/November newsletter, giving to the Regular Offering shows a deficit of \$2,256.27 through August.

The monthly budget goal has not been reached in five of the last 8 months. By comparison, in both 2025 and 2026 there were 4 months during the entire year when that goal was not met.

Giving this month is the lowest this year. There is a \$4,306.37 deficit through the first 3 weeks of September which equates to a deficit for the year of \$6,562.64 through September 23.

There are many reasons why giving has declined: the pandemic broke the habit of attending church, online sermons, work demands, family activities, Sunday morning athletic events, family budget stretched thin, etc.

Consistent regular giving -- whether one is in attendance or not -- is essential for the church to reach its budgeted goals. Any excess that is not spent on the budget automatically goes toward funding of the New Ministry Center.

Your church leadership encourages everyone to examine their financial situation to determine if you can give consistently each week/month or increase your giving. To assist in this effort, the QR code on the cards in each pew holder can be used to set up a regular giving cycle

Mark Your Calendars now for the Fiesta Friday dinner on Friday, October 16.

Church Meetings

- Monday, September 28: 11:00 AM Choir Rehearsal – 5:30 PM – ED Building
- Tuesday, September 29: Morning Bible Study – 10:00 AM – Sanctuary
- Wednesday, September 30: Online Bible Study – 7:00 PM – Contact Patty Robinson
- Thursday, October 1: 11:00 AM Choir Rehearsal – 6:30 PM – ED Building
- Saturday, October 3: Men’s Breakfast – 8:00 AM – Schoolhouse
- Saturday, October 3: Christian Believers Session – 10:00 AM – ED Building Kitchen
- Sunday, October 4: World Communion Sunday**

Daily Devotions Starting 9/28/26

Monday (9/28)- Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

How do you apply the Ten Commandments to your life? Do you use them as a guide or a way of living?

Tuesday (9/29)- Psalm 19

How can you use verse 14 this day as a reminder of all your interactions with others this day?

Wednesday (9/30)- Isaiah 5: 1-7

Why is the vineyard owner angry with its stewards? Have you ignored justice and righteousness? In what ways?

Thursday (10/1)- Philippians 3: 4b-14

In what ways have you “pressed on” in the Lord this year? How has the Lord sustained you in your efforts?

Friday (10/2)- Matthew 21: 3-46

In what ways do you show your respect for the “Son”? Where do you need to improve in this endeavor?

Saturday (10/3)- Luke 19: 11-27

In what ways do you view your resources? Are they a gift from the Lord, or did you earn them? How can you “marry” these two positions?

Sunday (10/4)- Worship in person or online.



GIVE ONLINE



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