

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Opening Words Psalm 96

- ¹ Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- ² Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
- ³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
- ⁴ For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.
- ⁵ For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
- ⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts.
- ⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.
- ¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."
The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.
- ¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.
- ¹² Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.
- ¹³ Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes,
he comes to judge the earth.
- He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

***Hymn "This Is a Day of New Beginnings "**

UMH 383 V. 1-3

WORDS: Brian Wren, MUSIC: Carlton R Young

This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember, and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus,
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,

can make for us a world of difference,
as faith and hope are born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
step from the past, and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt and grieving,
seeking new paths, and sure to find.

Welcome

Pastor Scott Clawson

Call to Worship

Sometimes God calls us through burning bushes, telling us to go free a whole people despite our insecurities and fears.

God, help us accept your call on our lives.

Sometimes God calls us, and we don't understand the full meaning of the call, the ways our families, friends, and communities may resist the good news and us as messengers of it.

God, help us accept your call on our lives.

Sometimes God calls us to a path that is harder than we think we can handle, asking us to trust that God will provide what we need.

God, help us accept your call on our lives.

Beloved, God's call takes many forms. Sometimes it feels as natural as breathing, and sometimes we want to run as far as we can. But take assurance in this: You are not alone. God is with us, and God's call can be trusted, because no matter where it leads, God is there.

God, help us accept your call on our lives and to trust that what you equip us to do is what you call us to do as members of the Body of Christ. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn "This Is a Day of New Beginnings " UMH 383 V. 4 & 5

Christ is alive, and goes before us
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
our God is making all things new.

In faith we'll gather round the table
to taste and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
our God is making all things new.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Pour your Light,
Holy Spirit of God,

into our hearts and minds.
Help us to know more clearly
and grasp more fully the
Good News of Jesus.
And help us then
to know how to share it.
We ask this
through Jesus Christ, who
with You and the Father,
are One God.

Prayer of Confession

Christ Jesus, our teacher and our friend, we have not listened for your word amid the clamor of words all around us. We are more pleased to repeat familiar tunes than to listen for new melodies and strange harmonies. We try harder to defend what we think we know than to reach for that which is beyond our grasp. Slow to trust, afraid of the unknown, we are cautious to hear and do your will. We pray for hearts to pay attention to the cries of our neighbor and to resonate with your Spirit. Silence us and instruct us until we learn afresh to sing the songs of faith, hope, and love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

There is no greater joy in the heart of God
than the moment when a child opens
to the gift of forgiveness.
God's Spirit reaches out to assure us
of welcome in Christ.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Glory to God! Amen.

New Testament Reading Romans 12: 9-21

Love in Action

9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. **10** Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. **11** Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. **12** Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. **13** Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. **15** Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. **16** Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. **18** If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. **19** Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. **20** On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "The Gospel According to Dolly"
Pastor Scott Clawson

*** Hymn "What Wondrous Love Is This" Hymnal 292**

WORDS & MUSIC: USA FOLK HYMN

What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this,
O my soul! What wondrous love
is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul,
for my soul, to bear
the dreadful curse for my soul.

What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this,
O my soul! What wondrous love
is this, that caused the Lord of life
to lay aside his crown for my soul,
for my soul, to lay aside
his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb,
I will sing; to God and the Lamb
who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme
I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme
I will sing.

And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on; and when from death
I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on,
I'll sing on and through eternity I'll sing on.

Benediction

Beloved, when the path is easy and when the path is rough, when God calls through a burning bush or a still, small voice or a loving rebuke, remember: you are not alone. **May God bless us with the courage and humility to accept God's call and with the assurance that if God calls us, God will equip us. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Response "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymnal 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

9:30 AM WORSHIP LEADERS

Lay Reader: Charlene Bishop
Ushers/ Greeters: Anthony Bishop

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NMUMC by the Numbers: August 23, 2026

8:15 AM: 15 9:30 AM: 54 11:00 AM: 65 Nursery: 4 Online: 24

Total Offering: \$6,241.00 *Regular Offering:* \$3,756.00*

Hope4Kids: \$5.00 New Ministry Center: \$2,480.00

**Amount Needed to Meet Weekly Budget: \$5,862.53*

Update on Regular Giving in August

Regular Giving through August 23 is \$20,954. This is a shortfall of \$2,496.12 for the month and results in a shortfall of \$858.94 to meet the monthly goal for the year.

We ask that you prayerfully consider how you might help to erase this shortfall.

Church Meetings

Thursday, September 3: 11:00 AM Choir Rehearsal – 6:45 PM – ED Building **Sunday, September 6: Communion and Nametag Sunday**

The 11:00 AM choir will begin practice on Thursday, September 3rd at 6:30 PM in the Education Building parlor.

Children's and Adult Sunday School begins on September 13 at 9:30 AM

Circle of Friends Ladies - Attention: The September 8, 2026, Circle of Friends meeting is being cancelled due to various situations with the officer's ability to attend the meeting. We will have our first meeting after the summer break and celebrate the beginning of Fall on October 13, 2026, at noon in the Schoolhouse. The hostesses will still be Toni Carnahan, Alice Crutchley, and Patty Robinson. See you all in October, and please, we still encourage all ladies of the church to join us.

The 5th Sunday Potluck scheduled for Sunday, August 30, has been cancelled since only 10 persons, including Fellowship Team members, signed up. **Mark your calendars now** for the Fiesta Friday dinner on Friday, October 16.

Fresh Start Service: This service will be held at 8:15 am at Fairview Chapel. (6802 Boyers Mill Rd, New Market 21774) The design for this service is for those who want to get an early start on their Sunday and those who are seeking an alternate worship experience. Acoustic guitar, prayer, a short inspirational message, and Communion will be highlighted. The service is designed to last a half hour. OR join us later for an evening service at 6:00 PM

Daily Devotions Starting 8/31/26

Monday (8/31)- Exodus 12: 1-14

How has Jesus become our Passover lamb? What exactly did Jesus deliver humanity from?

Tuesday (9/1)- Psalm 149

Have you ever danced and made a joyful noise to the Lord? How was this praise different from meditation and praying? Was it holy? Why or why not?

Wednesday (9/2)- Ezekiel 33: 7-11

Do you think it is possible to turn the wicked from their ways with your voice and concern? What other means of spiritual warfare need to be applied?

Thursday (9/3)- Psalm 119: 33-40

Can the law save? Can the law guide and lead us to righteousness? Why or why not?

Friday (9/4)- Romans 13: 8-14

What works of darkness would you like to cast from the world? How can you shed the armor of light into these dark places?

Saturday (9/5)- Matthew 18: 15-20

Is this still sound advice for the church? Why or why not?

Sunday (9/6)- Worship in person or online.

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