

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, August 23, 2026

Opening Words Matthew 16: 13-20

Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

*Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" UMH 154 V. 1-3

WORDS: Edward Perronet, MUSIC: Oliver Holden

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem,

and crown him Lord of all.

Bring forth the royal diadem

and crown him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,

ye ransomed from the fall,

hail him who saves you by his grace,

and crown him Lord of all.

Hail him who saves you by his grace,

and crown him Lord of all

Sinners whose love can never forget

the wormwood and the gall,

go spread your trophies at his feet,

and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.

Welcome

Pastor Scott Clawson

***Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name " UMH 154 V. 4-6**

Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,

and crown him Lord of all.
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and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God
who from his altar call;
extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod,

and crown him Lord of all.
Extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod
and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,

and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all.

Call to Worship Psalm 138

I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart;
before the "gods" I will sing your praise.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple
and will praise your name
for your unfailing love and your faithfulness,
for you have so exalted your solemn decree
that it surpasses your fame.**

When I called, you answered me;
you greatly emboldened me.

**May all the kings of the earth praise you, Lord,
when they hear what you have decreed.**

May they sing of the ways of the Lord,
for the glory of the Lord is great.

**Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;
though lofty, he sees them from afar.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life.

**You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes;
with your right hand you save me.**

The Lord will vindicate me;
**your love, Lord, endures forever—
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

***Hymn “Have Thine Own Way, Lord” Hymnal 382**

WORDS: Adelaide A. Pollard, MUSIC: ADELAIDE (Stebbins)

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter,
I am the clay.

Mold me and make me
after thy will,
while I am waiting,
yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Search me and try me,
Savior today!

Wash me just now, Lord,
wash me just now,
as in thy presence
humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary,
help me I pray!

Power, all power,
surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me,
Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being
absolute sway.

Fill with thy Spirit
till all shall see
Christ only, always,
living in me!

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

O God, Sustainer of all life and Creator of the universe, you set us aside to be leaders, so help us see things as they are and not only as they affect ourselves. Grant that we may have a wise and modest estimate of our own powers and live in full contact with all things high, true, and good. Teach us our failings and our faults; give us courage to acknowledge them and, by your grace, enable us to overcome them.

Lift us above the unstable currents of our self-will and establish us on the rock of your purposes. Be to each of us the secret stay and the inner guide of our lives. May your Spirit dwell in us more and more, that your peace, which exceeds all understanding, may possess our hearts and minds.

Prayer of Confession

While we may yearn to be like Jesus,
we know that in our hotheaded choices, our frantic lives, our
impetuous words,
we are too often like Peter.
But like him, we can confess Christ as our Lord,
speaking of our need for your saving presence in our lives.

**We look for you in all the wrong places, God of the lost,
and wonder why we cannot find you.
We wander the corridors of power,
while you are on the sidewalks, beside the homeless.
We sit at the head tables of the world,
while you are handing out soup to the hungry at the kitchen's
backdoor.
We applaud those who win the race,
while you are cheering on those in last place.
In forgiving us, God of new life,
you would transform our cold hearts
into those melted in service to others.
In granting us mercy,
you challenge us to think of all those we have ignored.
In gifting us with grace,
you enable us to proclaim Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,
*as the hope, the joy, the peace the world seeks.***

Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of Pardon

It's not money, but our generosity with it;
it is not power, but our willingness to humble ourselves;
it is not our efforts, but Christ's gift,
which transforms us into God's children.

It is more than just how we think.

**In mercy and grace, our hearts, our lives, our spirits
are transfigured and made new.**

Thanks be to God. Amen.

New Testament Reading: Romans 12: 1-8

A Living Sacrifice

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Humble Service in the Body of Christ

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Apostles Creed

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**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sermon

“Who Are You, Who, Who?”

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*** Hymn “Take My Life and Let It Be” Hymnal 399**

Words: Frances R Havergal, Music: Louis J.F. Herold

Take my life,
and let it be consecrated,
Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.
Take my voice,
and let me sing always only,
for my King. Take my lips,
and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be
no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be ever,
only all for thee.

Benediction

Beloved, God calls us to use our power wisely and in the service of those the world has disempowered. **May God bless us with the courage to notice injustices in the world and the perseverance to keep showing up with God and one another as we empower one another to set the world aright. 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

On August 30th, the 9:30 AM service will be held inside our Sanctuary.

9:30 AM WORSHIP LEADERS

Lay Reader: Charlene Bishop
Ushers/ Greeters: Lafoon Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NMUMC by the Numbers: August 16, 2026

8:15 AM: 17 9:30 AM: 37 11:00 AM: 42 Nursery: 4 Online: 31

Total Offering: \$11,612.50 *Regular Offering:* \$5,268.00*

Hope4Kids: \$25.00 New Ministry Center: \$3,252.00

Preschool Rent: \$3,067.50

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

Giving Tree Pledge Total: \$1,214,300.00

Commitment Pledges: \$1,004,300.00

Commitment Estate Pledges: \$210,000.00

Non-Pledged Donations: \$64,137.00

Total Pledges & Non-Pledged Donations: \$1,277,937.00

Church Meetings

Tuesday August 25: Morning Bible Study – 10:00 AM – Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 25: Council Meeting – 7:00 PM – ED Building Kitchen

Wednesday, August 26: Bible 101 – 6:00 PM – ED Building Kitchen

Sunday, August 30: 5th Sunday Potluck – after worship - Schoolhouse

(Setup on Saturday at 10:30 AM)

Today is the last day to sign up for the **5th Sunday Potluck** on
August 30.

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.

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 8/24/26

Monday (8/24)- Exodus 3: 1-15

Have you ever doubted the call of the Lord when asked to do a particularly challenging task? How can you test to see if the words are from the Lord or man? Are they sometimes from both?

Tuesday (8/25)- Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-25, 45b

What are some ways you can seek the Lord's presence continuously?

Wednesday (8/26)- Jeremiah 15: 15-21

How can we discern what is precious in our lives? How can we weed out the things that bring no worth? Pray about these things today.

Thursday (8/27)- Psalm 26: 1-8

Have you ever been so bold as to ask the Lord to "prove" you? To prove who someone is to make sure that they are authentically who they say they are. How would you stand up to that kind of scrutiny?

Friday (8/28)- Romans 12: 9-21

This is a good passage to contemplate on this day. Why is Paul encouraging us to outdo one another in honor and love?

Saturday (8/29)- Matthew 16: 21-28

How often do we want Jesus to be cast in our own image instead of the one that came to save the world? How can we fully accept Christ for who Christ is today, the Son of God who came to save the world?

Sunday (8/30)- Worship in person or online.

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