

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, July 26, 2026

Opening Words Romans 8: 26-39

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. **27** And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. **29** For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. **30** And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

More Than Conquerors

31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? **32** He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? **33** Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. **34** Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. **35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? **36** As it is written:

"For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **38** For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, **39** neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

***Hymn "This Is My Father's World" Hymnal 144**

WORDS: Maltbie Babcock, MUSIC: Trad English melody

This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings,
and round me rings
the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,
the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their makers praise.
This is my Father's world:
he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world.
O let me never forget that
though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King;
let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad!

Welcome

Pastor Scott Clawson

Call to Worship

Beloved, this is the core of our faith: nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. **Thanks be to God!**

God's never-ending love surrounds us and calls us, assuring us that through God's love, all things will work together for God's good purposes. **Thanks be to God!**

God's never-breaking love empowers us in the face of temptation, distress, division, and scarcity to hold onto our faith and work together for the flourishing of all God's good creation. **Thanks be to God!**

Come, let us worship God who is Love, trusting that through joy and sorrow, happiness and despair, contentment and pain, Love will carry us through. **Thanks be to God, who forms, connects, and guides us through Love. Amen.**

Hymn "Forward Through The Ages" Hymnal 555

Text: Frederick Lucian Hosmer, Music: Arthur S. Sullivan

Forward through the ages,
in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits
at the call divine;

gifts in differing measure,
hearts of one accord,
manifold the service,
one the sure reward.

Forward through the ages,
in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits
at the call divine.

Wider grows the kingdom,
reign of love and light;
for it we must labor,
till our faith is sight.

Prophets have proclaimed it,
martyrs testified,
poets sung its glory,
heroes for it died.

Forward through the ages,
in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits
at the call divine.

Not alone we conquer,
not alone we fall;
in each loss or triumph
lose or triumph all.

Bound by God's far purpose
in one living whole,
move we on together
to the shining goal.

Forward through the ages,
in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits
at the call divine.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

God, Your extravagant love has called us together. Long before we even knew You, You already knew us and had chosen us to be part of Your own family—sisters and brothers with our Lord Jesus Christ Himself. What amazing love You have shown toward us! And so we come before You with praise and thanksgiving, offering You the worship of our hearts and lives and opening ourselves to the prompting and leading of Your Holy Spirit. Receive our worship—our praise and prayers and offerings—through the intercession of Your

Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. May the time we spend here in Your presence bring honour and glory to Your Name.

Prayer of Confession

Creator of all things, who rejoiced in your creation at the beginning of the world, forgive us our sins of greed, selfishness, and carelessness by which we daily damage the beauty to which we have become insensitive. By war and violence, we destroy families and their means of livelihood. We cut down great forests that are the homes of people, animals, and birds. We ill-treat our farm animals in the race to outstrip our rivals in food production, yet still leave millions of people starving. We pollute our air and water with the excess of our greed, without thought for the disposal of what we waste. For all this, we ask not only forgiveness but also the power to turn away from our headlong course of destruction and instead to share in your constant work of creation in preparation for the time when our kingdom comes to earth as it is in heaven. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who became part of your creation and gave his life for the whole world.

Silent prayer

Receive this good news: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, for the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed us from the power of sin that leads to death. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God! Amen.

Gospel Reading Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

The Mustard Seed

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

Hymn "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds" Hymnal 557 V 1

WORDS: John Fawcett, MUSIC: Johann Niageli

Blest be the tie
that binds our hearts
in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

The Yeast

He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough."

Hymn "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds" Hymnal 557 V 2

Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes,
our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

The Hidden Treasure

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

Hymn "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds" Hymnal 557 V 3

We share each other's woes,
our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each others
flows the sympathizing tear

The Pearl

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

Hymn "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds" Hymnal 557 V 4

When we asunder part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined
in heart, and hope to meet again.

The Net

"Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked.

"Yes," they replied.

He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Are We All In?"

Pastor Scott Clawson

*** Hymn**

"Pass It On"

Hymnal 572

WORDS & MUSIC: Kurt Kaiser

It only takes a spark
to get a fire going,
and soon all those around
can warm up in its glowing.

That's how it is with God's love
once you've experienced it;
you spread his love to everyone;
you want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring,
when all the trees are budding;
the birds begin to sing,
the flowers start their blooming.

That's how it is with God's love
once you've experienced it;
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
you want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend,
this happiness that I've found;
you can depend on him,
it matters not where you're bound.

I'll shout it from the mountaintop;
I want my world to know;
the Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.

Benediction

Go now in the blessing and assurance that nothing can separate us from the love of God. **May this good news inspire us all to take up the hard work of building community and acting for the flourishing of all our neighbours, because we do not act on our own—we act on the power of God's never-ending love. 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: Joanne Robbins

Ushers/ Greeters: Bishop Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NMUMC by the Numbers: July 19, 2026

8:15 AM: 15 9:30 AM: 41 11:00 AM: 44 Nursery: 8 Online: 16

Total Offering: \$18,643.00 *Regular Offering:* \$6,798.00*

Building Rental: \$225.00 Hope4Kids: \$5.00 Misc., Eagle Scout

Project: \$50.00 New Ministry Center: \$11,565.00

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

Giving Tree Pledge Total: \$1,208,800.00

Commitment Pledges: \$998,800.00

Commitment Estate Pledges: \$210,000.00

Non-Pledged Donations: \$52,557.00

Total Pledges & Non-Pledged Donations: \$1,261,357.00

Church Meetings

Tuesday, July 28: Morning Bible Study – 10:00 AM – Sanctuary

Wednesday, July 29: Bible 101 – 6:00 PM – ED Building Kitchen

Saturday, August 1: Men's Breakfast – 8:00 AM - Schoolhouse

Saturday August 1: VBS Setup – 9:30 AM – All Church Grounds

(setup again on August 2nd if necessary – 1:00 PM)

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 July 27th

Monday (7/27)- Genesis 32: 22-31

What have you been wrestling with God about lately? Have you received God's blessing yet? If your answer is yes, praise God; if it is not yet, keep wrestling.

Tuesday (7/28)- Psalm 17: 1-7,15

If God searched your heart today, what "wickedness" might be lurking there? Ask God to remove this blemish from your heart and thoughts.

Wednesday (7/29)- Isaiah 55: 1-5

What things are you wasting your time and money on? How can you switch your resources to honor God?

Thursday (7/30)- Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21

What do you need the Lord to open His hand for you this day? Keep your need in prayer.

Friday (7/31)- Romans 9: 1-5

Who do you yearn for in your life to know the gospel message? Pray for them this day, for their hearts to be open to God's love this day.

Saturday (8/1)- Matthew 14: 13-21

What blessing of supply and fortitude would you like the Lord to increase today? Lift these wants in prayer.

Sunday (8/2)- Worship in person or online.

Pastor Scott's Contact Information: PastorScott62@gmail.com

240-409-8119 | Summer Office Hours: Thursday | 11 AM-4 PM

Save the Date: Mount Airy Hub Summer Picnic | Sunday August 16 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Old National Pike Mt Airy, MD 21772

Burgers, hot dogs, buns and drinks will be provided. Bring a side dish or a dessert to share—and your singing voice! We'll share a meal and sing some hymns together.

Come get to know the members of the Mount Airy Hub (Araby, Frederick, MD; Calvary, Mount Airy, MD* (Hub Leader); Clarksburg, Clarksburg, MD; Flint Hill, Adamstown, MD; Ijamsville, Ijamsville, MD; Marvin Chapel, Mount Airy, MD; Mount Carmel, Frederick, MD; New Market, New Market, MD; Prospect, Mount Airy, MD; and Wesley Chapel, Frederick, MD.)