

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Opening Words Matthew 15: 21-28

The Faith of a Canaanite Woman

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly."

Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

"Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."

Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

***Hymn "And Are We Yet Alive" Hymnal 553 V1-3**

WORDS: Charles Wesley, MUSIC: Johann G. Nageli

And are we yet alive,
and see each other's face?
Glory and thanks to Jesus
give for his mighty grace!

Preserved by power divine
to full salvation here,
again in Jesus' praise we join,
and in his sight appear.

What troubles have we seen,
what mighty conflicts past,
fightings without, and fears within,
since we assembled last!

Welcome

Pastor Scott Clawson

Call to Worship: Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

**It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard,
running down on Aaron's beard,
down on the collar of his robe.**

It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion.

**For there the Lord bestows his blessing,
even life forevermore.**

Family of God, we gather today to unite our voices and our lives in praise to God!

How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

We gather to celebrate how God binds us together to live, work, play, and rest as the Body of Christ!

How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

We gather to remember how God has worked through us to share Christ's love with one another and our neighbors through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

Family of God, today we come as diverse and unique members of the Body of Christ to learn and grow not in uniformity but in unity to love God, self, neighbor, and all creation.

**How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***Hymn "And Are We Yet Alive" Hymnal 553 V4-6**

Yet out of all the Lord
hath brought us by his love;
and still he doth his help afford
and hides our life above.

Then let us make our boast
of his redeeming power,
which saves us to the utter most,
till we can sin no more.

Let us take up the cross
till we the crown obtain
and gladly reckon all things loss
so we may Jesus gain.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Maker of Our Days,

you created each of us unique beings with differing strengths and weaknesses.

Help us not only to use our strengths to assist others but also to allow others to use their strengths to meet our weaknesses.

Restorer of Our Souls,

you have seen the parched places we have made in our lives, along with the devastation thrust upon us by the action or inaction of others.

Meet us in the places of our deepest pain so that our facades of self-sufficiency might fall away, and we might be drawn into right relationship with you and one another.

Breath of Our Lives, without you, we are but a mound of clay.

Fill us with your presence, invigorate our worship, set us on fire so that others might be drawn into your light and nurtured by the warmth of your loving care.

Prayer of Confession

O God, we yearn to be a community of believers, united in your Spirit.

And yet we are fraught with divisions: denominational, political, and theological.

We are weighed down by tensions and the things that break us apart.

Forgive us, great God, for this great sin.

Help us to learn to live in community together, loving one another, in spite of our differences, and respecting one another in everything that we do and say.

Help us to be as you call us, one in heart and mind.

Only through the grace of your son, Jesus Christ, can we achieve this. **Amen.**

New Testament Reading: Romans 11: 1-2A, 29-32

The Remnant of Israel

I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew.

For God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Irrevocable Mercy”

Pastor Scott Clawson

*** Hymn “Help Us Accept Each Other” Hymnal 560**

Words: Fred Kaan, Music: John Ness Beck

Help us accept
each other as Christ
accepted us; teach us as sister,
brother, each person
to embrace.

Be present, Lord,
among us, and
bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted
and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O lord,
your lessons,
as in our daily life
we struggle to be human
and search for hope and faith.

Teach us to care for people,
for all, not just for some,
to love them
as we find them,
or as they may become.

Let your acceptance
change us, so that
we may be moved
in living situations
to do the truth in love;

to practice your acceptance,
until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness
and laughter’s healing art.

Lord, for today's
encounters with all
who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance,
for righteousness and bread,

we need new eyes for seeing,
new hands for holding on;
renew us with your Spirit;
Lord, free us, make us one!

Benediction

Family of God, how good and pleasant it is when we live, when we praise, when we weep, and when we find peace in unity together. **May God bless us with the wisdom and grace to recognize and cooperate with the Spirit who binds us together in love, that we may grow in unity of praise now and forever. 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: Krista Romagnoli

Ushers/ Greeters: Anderson Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NMUMC by the Numbers: August 2, 2026

8:15 AM: 17 9:30 AM: 77 11:00 AM: 54 Online: 31

Total Deposit: \$6,628.00 *Regular Offering:* \$6,189.00*

Food Pantry: \$5.00 New Ministry Center: \$434.00

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

Update on Regular Giving through July

Even though the Regular Giving in January, March, May and June did not meet the monthly goal, Regular Giving for the year (through July) has exceeded the needed amount to meet the monthly budget goal by \$1,637.18.

Your generosity to fund the monthly expenses, as well as the various outreach programs, is much appreciated.

Church Meetings

Monday, August 17: Teacher Breakfast - 8:00 AM - New Market Elementary School

Monday August 17: Finance Meeting – 7:30 PM – Contact Carole Zimmerman

Tuesday, August 18: Morning Bible Study – 10:00 AM - Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 18: Council Meeting – 7:00 PM – ED Building Kitchen

Our next 5th Sunday Potluck will be held after the 11:00 AM worship service on August 30. The Fellowship Team will be providing sandwich fixings and drinks. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the sanctuary bulletin board.

Today: Mount Airy Hub Summer Picnic | Sunday August 16 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Old National Pike Mt Airy, MD 21772 (Shelter One)

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.)

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

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

Daily Devotions Starting 8/17/26

Monday (8/17)- Exodus 1:8-2:10

How does this story reflect the actions of man and the providence of

God as a symbiotic act? How can the story inspire us to act in difficult circumstances?

Tuesday (8/18)- Psalm 24

What past situation could you state “If it had not been the Lord who was on our side”? Give thanks this day for your redemption through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Wednesday (8/19)- Isaiah 51: 1-6

What kind of rock do you think you were carved from? Who shaped you and made you what you are today?

Thursday (8/20)- Psalm 138

Use this Psalm as a repeating prayer aloud today.

Friday (8/21)- Romans 12: 1-8

What gifts has God blessed you with? How are you using these gifts to glorify God? If you are not utilizing this gift, how can you start implementing it today?

Saturday (8/22)- Matthew 16: 13-20

Who do you say Jesus is? How does this form your discipleship?

Sunday (8/23)- Worship in person or online today.

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

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