

APOLLO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026 10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE

WORDS of WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS

JOYS and CONCERNS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Psalm 103)*

One: Bless the LORD, O my soul, Bless the Lord from my head
to my toes!

**All: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and remember all that
God has done for us!**

One: The LORD is kind and compassionate, slow to anger and
full of constant love for us.

**All: God won't always accuse us, and God will not be
angry with us forever.**

One: The Lord doesn't deal with us according to how much
we've messed up.

**All: As high as the heavens above the earth, so great is
God's love for us.**

One: as far as the east is from the west, that's how far the Lord
removes our sins from us.

**All: As a parent has compassion for their children, so the
LORD has compassion for those who fear him.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of Mercy and Steadfast Love, You gave us our tongues
that we may speak words of love, wisdom, and grace. But
often our tongues are the vehicles of other things: instead
of love, hatred, instead of wisdom, foolishness, instead of
grace, rage. Like a small fire that sets a forest ablaze, too

often a word can set forth a flood of fear and anger. Help us
use our tongues to start other things: kindness,
compassion, and courage. In the name of your son, Jesus
Christ, we pray. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF PARDON**

*One: We love the Lord and we know that God hears us. In the
name of Jesus Christ, I announce to you this day: our sins
are forgiven!*

All: Alleluia! Amen.

HYMN #435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" (insert)

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 18:21-35 (The Message paraphrase)

**MOMENT OF WORD AND WONDER
(Passing of the Peace)**

SERMON "The Forgiveness Algorithm"

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN #445 "God, How Can We Forgive?"**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only
Son, our Lord; Who was conceived of the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended
into heaven, And sitteth on 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 Ghost; The holy catholic
church; The communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting.
Amen.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

Geoff Atkinson

*Doxology #606

Prayer of Gratitude for God's Abundance

Merciful God, you call us to love our neighbors with compassion and generosity. We present these offerings as a sign of our choice to follow your call. Use them for the good of people in need and for the work of your kingdom. Let everyone know the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

We Go Forth to Serve

Hymn #436 "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"

(insert)

* CHARGE & BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

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***Please stand in body or spirit**

Wrapping our community in God's love, one person at a time.

We believe that we are all ministers supported by:

Rev. Niki Atkinson – Office Hours, typically Wed. & Fri. 9:30-4:00

Please call for appointments.

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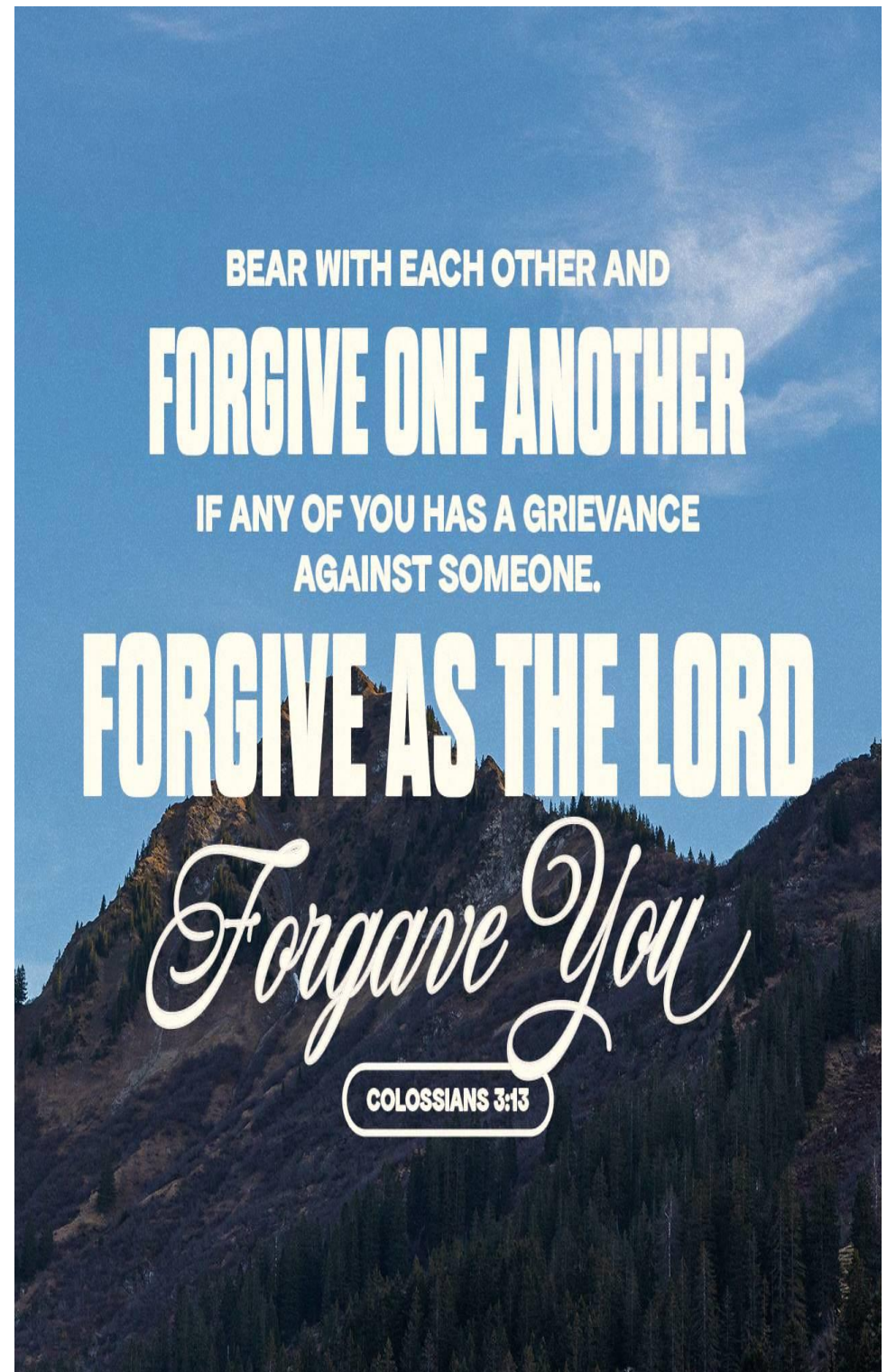
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WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Household: Peggy Landon
Bonnie Machak

Faith Friends: Ed Bortz

Our Church: Staff
The Churches of the Kiskiminetas Presbytery

Presbytery: Denver (Synod of the Rocky Mountains)

Denomination: Hungarian Reformed Church in America

Nation: Nepal - Kathmandu

IMMEDIATE Sandy, new baby, Bill, Debbie, Mary, family of Donna Graham, Candy's 60th class reunion ☺, Ray's son (stroke), Tim and Glenna, Ron & Candy's 57th ☺, family of LaRue, family who lost baby.

CONTINUING Mark Gizler, Flood victims, Bill home from hospital, Carol Kopnick, Cailen World Champion, family of Samantha McCutcheon, Bryan Dillick, Mariane Altmeyer, Shannan. Nancy, Scott & Cathy Hubbard, Debi Harker and family on death of her stepfather Don Funk, Luke Kanish, Carol Kopnick, Family of Ashley, Butch and Donna 56th anniversary, Ron George, family and friends of Gus Coukna, Vicki, Mary Kay, Jean, Becca, Newt, family of Nick, Amy Shupe, **Dance Clik Recital ☺, Ronan ☺, Rachel, Dave's return of cancer, family of Linda Rollinson, National Cancer Survivor Day ☺.**

ONGOING Shannan, Nora, Eric Ribar, Missy, Katie, Eddie, Donnie Riggle, Gary Harkcom, Bill & Linda Crabtree, Frank Kovak, Josh Hanus, Shannon Pruss, Chris Hilker, Carol Gallagher, Linda Gould, Snedecor family, Alan Shockey, Bonnie Machak, Lani Knox, Nick Arnoldy, Benjamin Mumaw, Sean George.

MINISTRY All those affected by the Coronavirus, flu, and RSV and those working in the health care field, first responders, research, and government. Food 4 Kids, AUPC Deacon's Emergency Fund, Support for our church, EPR Mugombwa; Victims of violence and natural disasters; President Donald Trump, our country, other world leaders, our church and its leaders, the war & military personnel, wounded military at home and in hospitals, terrorist victims, Kiskiminetas' Rwanda Partnership

Acolyte for Rally Day:
LENNON KANISH

September 13, 2026 CHURCH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>SUNDAY</u>	Worship & Picnic @ Owens Grove	10:00 AM
<u>MONDAY</u>	ADMIN TEAM	6:00 PM
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	Crafters	9:00 AM
	Knitters	10:00 AM
	SESSION	6:00 PM
<u>SUNDAY</u>	RALLY DAY! SUNDAY SCHOOL	10:00 AM
	Worship	11:00 AM

Here comes



2026!

Join us on **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20** for a
special event to begin

AUPC's 2026-27 Sunday School Year!

Bring a friend ~ ~ Everyone Welcome!

*The ministry team is requesting donations of Halloween candy (regular and allergy friendly) and small "treat" items (stickers, fidgets, etc.) for its upcoming "Trunk or Treat" on Saturday, October 31 from 11am-1pm. We are also seeking people to decorate their trunks for the event itself. Please see Glenna, Amy Z., or Pastor Niki for more info or ideas.



**Coming September, Friday 25th & Saturday 26th,
8:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

Clean, useable items will be accepted through Sunday, Sept. 20. All items must be taken downstairs and neatly arranged behind the curtain on the stage. On Wednesdays, during the months of June and August, from 4 to 6 PM, Bill Speer will be at the church and available to assist with large items or help if you are unable to negotiate the stairs. If those dates and times aren't convenient, an appointment may be made. All other donations not requiring assistance may be brought to the church Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM up to the Sept. 20 deadline.



TRUNK OR TREAT
ALL AGES & ABILITIES ARE WELCOME!
SAT. OCT. 31
11AM-1PM
PARKING LOT OF APOLLO
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
401 1ST ST., APOLLO

** any person of any age or ability, costume or no costume, speaking or non-speaking, is welcome to participate. There will be candy and small treats/toys available at each station. A kind place for all to trick or treat safely.*

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDRETH
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435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness
 2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
 flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

God of Compassion, in Mercy 436 Befriend Us

1 God of com - pas - sion, in mer - cy be - friend us,
 2 Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,
 3 How shall we stray, with your hand to di - rect us,

giv - er of grace for our needs all - a - vail - ing.
 stilled our rude hearts with your word of con - sol - ing.
 you who the stars in their cours - es are guid - ing?

Wis - dom and strength for each day ev - er send us,
 Wrap now your peace, like a man - tle, a - round us,
 What shall we fear, with your power to pro - tect us,

pa - tience un - tir - ing and cour - age un - fail - ing.
 guard - ing our thoughts and our pas - sions con - trol - ling.
 we who walk forth in your great - ness con - fid - ing?

