

**SCHOENBRUNN COMMUNITY MORAVIAN CHURCH**  
***We are Christ called, Christ centered, Christ sent...loving all.***  
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**Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost**  
**September 20th, 2026**

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| Ministers                                                                     | All of Us!         |
| Pastor                                                                        | Rev. Ben Lippert   |
| Director of Music/Organist                                                    | Angie Miller       |
| Elder of the Month                                                            | Jackie Pasquinelli |
| Trustee of the Month                                                          | Joyce Swaldo       |
| Media Technician                                                              | Denny Drumm        |
| Media Production                                                              | Paula Drumm        |
| *****                                                                         |                    |
| *****Watchword for the week: "For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain." |                    |
| <b><i>Philippians 1:21</i></b>                                                |                    |
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**WORDS OF WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

**\*PASSING THE RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP**

**WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK**

**PRELUDE**

**\*HYMN** "BLESS ALL THOSE WHO NURTURE CHILDREN" MBW# 665

**LITURGY** "CEC COMMISSIONING" INSERT

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**  
**PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30**  
**MATTHEW 20:1-16**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**OFFERING**

**\*OFFERTORY** "PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW" MBW # 817  
*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!*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**HOLY SPIRIT,**  
**YOU ARE THE SOURCE OF FAITH AND LEARNING. HELP US ALL TO CULTIVATE MORE**  
**COMPASSION GIVING IN OUR LIVES AND OUR WORLD. AMEN.**

**Children's Lesson**

**\*HYMN** "TAKE MY LIFE THAT IT MAY BE" MBW# 610

**MESSAGE** "DON'T FIGHT OVER THE INHERITANCE"

**\*HYMN** "GOD SENT HIS SON" MBW# 706

**BENEDICTION**

**\*CHIME**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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*\*Please stand, as able.*

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*†† Lyrics from: <https://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/nlb/special-occassions/special-epiphany-a-b-c.html>*

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## A LITURGY FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMISSIONING

(Standing)

Leader: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge God, and God will direct your paths." "We are called into a Christian fellowship by the Lord Jesus Christ, according to the eternal purpose of God the Father (Ephesians 3:11) by the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:18-21), and as members of Christ's Body, the Church, to serve all people by proclaiming the Gospel and witnessing to our faith by word and deed." (Moravian Covenant for Christian Living "MCCL" & Ground of the Unity par. 7 "GOU")

All: **With God's help, we offer ourselves to proclaiming the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Savior, and witnessing to our faith by word and deed. We acknowledge our need for lifelong learning that equips us to be good stewards of the gospel entrusted to our care.**

(Sitting)

Leader: "The Triune God as revealed in the Holy Scripture of the Old and New Testaments is the only source of our life and salvation; and this Scripture is the sole standard of the doctrine and faith of the Unitas Fratrum [Moravian Church] and therefore shapes our life." (par4 "GOU" & "MCCL")

"We realize that our Christian faith must continually be nourished if it is to remain living and vital. Therefore, we desire to grow in our Christian lives through family devotions, personal prayer and study, and the opportunities for spiritual development offered by the Church." ("MCCL")

All: **With God's help, we offer ourselves to grow in our Christian lives through the study of the Holy Scriptures, regular attendance at worship, daily devotions, and participation in Sunday School classes, Bible studies, small groups, Christian fellowship and service.**

Leader: As parents, remembering that our children [belong to] the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 20:28, 1 Peter 1:19) we will bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4) and take all possible care to preserve them from every evil influence. For this reason we will seek to prove ourselves as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, setting an example for our children, both in the home and in the church. (MMCL)

All: **God of truth, bless all your children as they seek to grow in faith. Inspire and encourage them; give them faithful teachers, mentors and leaders; and grant them the guidance and wisdom of your Holy Spirit. Through your word, direct their way and lead them safely to a mature Christian faith.**

Leader: We pray for all expressions and forms of Christian Education, for all who teach and all who learn, that through the faithful use of their gifts all may grow in love and gratitude to God and in relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray for, and give thanks for, those in our congregation who have been called to teach and serve, and we call upon them now to offer themselves to their special calling.

(Parents, please stand)

Leader: Parents and those assisting with the raising of children, will you offer yourselves to fulfill your special calling?

**Parents:** We offer ourselves to the special calling we have received. With God's help, we promise to set an example for our children, and to encourage them in their Christian development. We promise to provide for their attendance at worship and Sunday School, and to their participation in other opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship.

(Teachers and Small Group Leaders, please stand)

Leader: Teachers and Small Group Leaders, will you offer yourselves to fulfill your special calling?

**We offer ourselves to the special calling we have received. With God's help, we promise to participate regularly in worship and study, to prepare for our classes and meetings, and to encourage and show Christian love to each participant, recognizing them as a unique child of God, and a sister or brother in Christ Jesus.**

(Elders, Trustees, and Christian Education Committee Members, please stand)

Leader: Elders, Trustees, and Christian Education Committee Members, will you offer yourselves to fulfill your special calling?

**We offer ourselves to the special calling we have received. With God's help, we promise to participate regularly in worship, prayer and study, to prepare for and attend meetings faithfully, and to provide the best possible resources for Christian Education in our church. We promise to support and encourage all those called to Christian Education leadership in our congregation, and to provide and participate in opportunities for lifelong learning.**

(Standing)

Members and friends of the congregation, will you offer yourselves to fulfill your special calling?

**We present and offer ourselves to the special calling we have received to proclaim the Gospel and witness to our faith by word and deed. We acknowledge and accept our responsibility for our own spiritual nurture and the spiritual nurture of others in our congregation, especially the young. With God's help, we promise to be faithful in worship, prayer and study, to encourage, nurture, and set an example for others, and to support those called to Christian Education leadership in our congregation through prayer, participation, and the sharing of gifts.**

Leader: We have offered ourselves to God. Help us now, O God, to fulfill our calling and grow in wisdom and knowledge and grace, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**