

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

EPISTLE READING: Romans 14:1-12 NIV

*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:21-35 NIV

L: The Living Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE Pastor Cathy Nutting

***CLOSING HYMN:**

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace FWS 2171

***COMMISSION:**

Pastor: Love God and serve the people.

People: Love the people and serve God.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated for a moment of reflection.)*

Serving Next Sunday:

Usher/Greeters:

Christy Jungman

Acolyte: open

Liturgist: open

Visual Tech: open

Fellowship: open

Talk to Leslie Herman or sign up online at vmumc.com.
(Scroll down to “sign up to be a worship helper” and click on the link.)

Ministers:

All the Church Members

Organist/Choir Director:

Mike Cooper

Pianist:

Heidi Freidhof

Usher/Greeters: open

Acolyte: open

Liturgist: open

Visual Tech:

Christy Jungman

Fellowship: open

Nursery:

Brandy Halsten

Janitorial:

Hoppes Family

Administrative Assistant:

Danene Rebelsky

Kids Care Director:

Jess Jaspers

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*Nurturing children, supporting families,
creating community as we share our faith.*



Adult Discussion Group 9:30 AM



Open Hearts

Open Minds

Open Doors

Worship 10:45 AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

September 13,, 2026  Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Assistive listening devices are available from ushers.

PRELUDE

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES:

We Sing to You, O God

FWS 2001

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another with signs of peace and love.

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Please remain standing as you are able.)*

Sing praise to God who rescues us when we fall!

Sing praise to God who walks with us on all our journeys!

Even though we fall, God lifts us and places us on paths of peace.

**Even though we stray, God finds us and brings us back
to lives of hope.**

Thanks be to God, whose love is continually with us.

We come to remember God’s steadfast love and faithfulness.

In our joy, our sorrow, our isolation, and our worry, God is faithful!

Praise be to God, whose mercy is over us all.

(Please be seated.)

CHILDREN’S TIME

MORNING PRAYER:

**We sing and speak your praise, O God,
grateful for the many ways in which you have healed us.
Keep our hearts, our minds, and our spirits open
to learn ways in which we can offer healing love for others.
For we ask this in Jesus’ Name.
Amen.**

HYMN of PREPARATION

Majesty, Worship His Majesty

Hymnal 176

OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

OUR TIME OF GIVING

*DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 95

*Indicates stand, as you are able. **Bold** indicates all join in. FWS indicates *The Faith We Sing* book.