

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 12:1-14 (NIV)
*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:15-20 (NIV)

L: The Living Word of God for the people of God
P: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE Pastor Cathy Nutting

HOLY COMMUNION on screen
We practice an open table. All are welcome to receive communion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN:
Where Charity and Love Prevail Hymnal 549

*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: open Visual Tech: Christy Jungman
Acolyte: open Fellowship: open
Liturgy: 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

Communion:
open

Acolyte: open

Liturgist:
Christy Jungman

Visual Tech:
open

Fellowship: open

Nursery:
Brandy Halsten

Janitorial:
Hoppes Family

Administrative Assistant:
Danene Rebelsky

Kids Care Director:
Jess Jaspers

Director of Youth and
Children’s Ministries:
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Van Meter UMC

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



Adult Discussion Group
starts next week, Sept. 13th 9:30 AM



Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors

Worship 10:45 AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Sept. 6, 2026  Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Holy Communion

Assistive listening devices are available from ushers.

PRELUDE

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES:
Gather Us In FWS 2236

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.)*
Welcome! All are welcome to this community of faith.
We come seeking hope and courage for the future.
Here you will find peace, hope, love and joy.
We come weighed down by difficulties in our lives.
Here you will find Jesus who will take your burdens on himself.
Lord, we come to you this day in need of your mercy and love.

(Please be seated.)
CHILDREN’S TIME

MORNING PRAYER:
**Lord of mercy and light, you have called us out of the darkness of our lives
into the light of your love. Your love encourages and sustains us always.**
We come this day seeking courage and hope for the future.
Our world is in such peril.

**Heal these wounds and quiet our fears. Help us to be those who bring
peace in our families and communities. Banish the darkness of
doubt and fear; anoint us with your light and love that we may be
people who seek reconciliation and genuine forgiveness with
one another. In gratitude for your mercy and grace, we pray.**
Amen.

HYMN of PREPARATION *It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord* Hymnal 352

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

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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