

Sunday Worship
August 30, 2026
14th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship:

Followers of Christ, we live in a world where we hurt one another, where sin divides us one from another and makes us enemies instead of neighbors.

Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.

The divisions in our world seem like too much to overcome, and we wonder if this forgiveness thing really works anymore. Maybe it worked for Jesus, but not for us.

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We find ourselves tempted by easy answers and quick solutions, reticent to do the slow and difficult work of reconciliation.

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In this place, may we encounter Christ who meets us in the places where we want to give up, where we despair that life-giving change is even possible, with abundant grace to sustain us on the journey.

God, form us today as people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us. Amen.

--Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2026

Opening Prayer:

Liberating God, we worship you. We praise you for delivering your people of old from enslavement in Egypt by opening up a new and unexpected future before them. They experienced your grace and mercy in awesome and life-sustaining ways, which must have been like an impossible dream coming true. Through these acts, you showed your compassion for the weak and powerless of this world. We praise and adore you for opening up a new future for us when your love and compassion, your mercy and grace became enfleshed in Jesus Christ. He delivered us from the bondage of evil and sin through his death on the cross. The impossible once more became reality when love defeated evil once and for all. We pray that this time of

worship will be a true offering of our wonder and praise that you should care for us so deeply and so faithfully. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

--Written by Moira Laidlaw on [Liturgies Online](https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/09/opening-prayer-exodus-14-19-31.html). Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/09/opening-prayer-exodus-14-19-31.html>

Opening Hymn: *The Summons*

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Affirmation of Faith: Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada, UMH 883

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Passing the Peace

Healing Prayer with Stephen Ministers

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture: Exodus 14:19-31 NRSVue

(reader) *The Word of the Lord!*

(All) Thanks be to God!

Song of Praise: *Your Grace is Enough*

Matt Maher

Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35 NRSVue

(reader) *The Word of the Lord!*

(All) Thanks be to God!

Message: Lessons in Leadership: Grace

Hymn of Response: *Help Us Accept Each Other*

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Invitation to Offering

Offertory: *Come to Me*

Craig Courtney

Matthew Compton, vocals; Josh Billings, piano

Doxology – Hymn 94

Offertory Prayer

Opportunities Coming Soon! (Announcements)

Blessing (Benediction)

Closing Song: *Build My Life*

Pat Barrett

***Please join us for coffee fellowship
after the service***

Our Staff:

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Lessons in Leadership: Grace



*We are a welcoming United Methodist Church congregation that
worships together as disciples of Jesus Christ,
uniting in fellowship, missions and service.*