

Grace Devotion

Week of October 12, 2025

Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds among mortals. Psalm 66:5 (NRSVUE)

I love this part of the psalm. The psalmist calls for us to stop what we are doing, to pause in the routines of our days and just reflect, notice God's work in the world. Autumn tends to slow us down. The air has a chill in it, inviting us to stay under our blankets a little longer, the changing leaves provide a tapestry of colors, the fields are full of harvest. It is a season this whispers for us to "come and see."

Psalm 66 reminds us that God's presence is here in the hardships and in the abundance. Israel remembered God's saving power through the Red Sea. It is also remembered in the times of testing and trials. Our faith grows and blossoms when we can look back and see God's faithfulness—even in the difficult seasons of our lives.

As the fields are harvested to sustain through the winter, this psalmist calls us to see the gratitude. We are called to see God's hand in God's awesome deeds in our lives—in the good and the bad. We are called to trust that God will carry us through the storm and will also bring us into a place of abundance.

Prayer: Loving and bountiful God, We thank You for goodness that surrounds each of us in dark times and times of light. Help us to open our eyes to see the goodness in the harvest, the goodness in the seasons, and the goodness in our lives. Teach us to remember the goodness, especially in the valleys of our lives. Remind us to give thanks and to trust in Your faithful care. Amen.

With Grace and Love,

Pastor Amy

October 12, 2025

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome/Announcements

Westminster Chimes and Prelude (“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us” arr. Bish)

**+“Confidence”

#60

** Call to Worship

Lector: We all come today to worship together—whether in places of joy and or in feelings of exile.

Congregation: We come to feel God’s presence no matter where we are.

Lector: God calls us to plant, to build, and to discover the goodness all around us.

Congregation: We come seeking welfare for our communities and living in ways that honor God.

Lector: God meets us in our joys and our struggles.

Congregation: We come to give thanks for God’s presence in our lives and the reminder to live with purpose.

Lector: Come, let us worship the Lord, who restores us and strengthens us.

Congregation: Let us worship God together, with our hearts and hands open.

** Opening Prayer: (pray silently or aloud)

Gracious God, You meet us wherever we are—in joy, in struggle, in exile, and at home. You call us to plant and to build, to bring life and hope to our communities. As we worship today, help open our eyes and hearts as you help shape our lives with purpose. We give our thanks and praise. Amen

** Sharing the Peace of Christ

**o Hymn: “They’ll Know We are Christians By Our Love” #284

Celebration of Our Gifts

** Offertory Response: Doxology

#625

** Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Confession/Silent Reflection/Assurance of Grace

Joys and Concerns

Praying for Others

Lord’s Prayer

o Hymn: “How Great Thou Art”

#4

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Luke 17:11-19

Time for the Young at Heart

Message: “Steadfast Hope”

**+“Lift My Life Up”

#64

** Final Blessing

** “A Choral Benediction”

Postlude

** Please stand, if you are able.

+ Black contemporary folder

o Blue hymnal

Announcements

- Youth Sunday School Kick-off started September 21
- Crop Walk, October 12th @ 12:30 pm
- Bible Study Group October 15th @ 12:30 pm
- Women's Ministry, October 22nd @ 7:30 pm
- Grace Trick or Treat, October 28th @ 6:00 – 8:00 pm

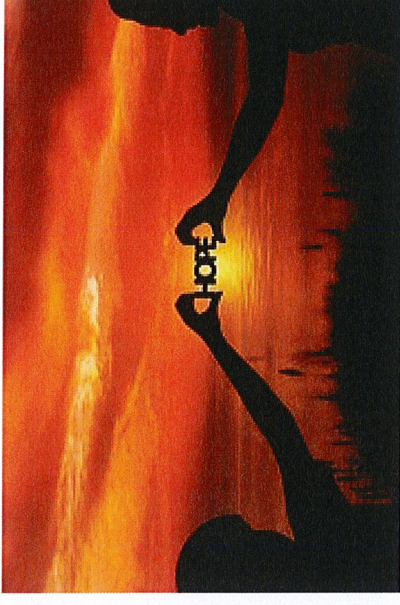
Upcoming Events

Financial Information

General pledge: 1st week of October 2025- \$2,340.00
General pledge: 1st week of October 2024- \$2,113.00
YTD income: \$115,656.80
YTD expenses: \$196,585.81
YTD deficit: \$80,929.01

Upcoming Meetings

- Consistory Meeting, October 13th @ 6:00 pm
- Faith Formation, October 27th @ 4:30 pm
- Worship & Music, October 27th @ 6:00 pm



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Thank you for today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor - Amy Fawks

Lector – Craig Bixler

Organist and Music Director - Christian Keller

Head Usher – Becky Boyer & Chelsey Topper

Jeremiah 29

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Luke 17

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