

Grace Devotion

Week of June 14, 2026

Dear friends,

Scripture reminds us today that we are not forgotten, not overlooked, and not beyond God's reach. Psalm 100 calls us to *"know that the Lord is God... it is God who made us, and we are God's; we are the sheep of God's pasture."* Even when our world becomes smaller—when our homes feel quieter, or our days slower—we are still held in that same place—still belonging and cared for.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus looks at the crowds and sees something familiar to us today: people who are tired, scattered, and longing for healing. Then, Jesus turns to the disciples and says, *"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few... go, make disciples... cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons."*

It can sound like a big calling—too big for most of us, especially in seasons when our strength is limited. But at its heart, this calling is simple: to care where we are, with what we have.

Care is not always movement. Sometimes it is prayer. Sometimes it is remembering someone's name before God. Sometimes it is offering encouragement when a visitor comes. Sometimes it is simply holding onto hope on a hard day.

Here is the good news: we are each part of God's work of care in the world. Your prayers matter. Your presence matters. Your faithfulness matters more than you may ever see. You are not just cared for—you are still part of God's caring for others. God has placed you right where you are, still loved, still needed, still held in grace.

Prayer:

God of love and grace, You know us and You call us Your own. When life feels quiet or our strength feels small, remind us that we are still held in Your care and still part of Your work in the world. Teach us to care as we are able today—with a prayer, a kind word shared, or a quiet hope held fast. When we feel unsure of what we can offer, remind us that even the smallest act of love is never small to You. We give thanks that we are not forgotten or overlooked and that we are never beyond Your reach. Keep us faithful in Your presence and steady in Your peace. Amen

With Grace and Love,



Pastor Amy

June 14, 2026

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Third Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome/Announcements
Westminster Chimes and Prelude

Joys and Concerns
Praying for Others
Lord's Prayer

** Offertory Response: "Doxology"
** Prayer of Dedication

**+ "That's Who I Praise"

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** Call to Worship

Lector: God, there are days when people feel tired, overwhelmed, and a little lost.

Congregation: Help us to notice one another and lead with kindness and love.

Lector: Jesus reminds us that compassion matters and that even the smallest acts of care make a difference.

Congregation: Open our hearts to the people around us and help us to share your grace.

Lector: As we gather today, may this be a place of hope, peace, and welcome for everyone.

Congregation: Fill us with Your love and send us out to share it with the world.

** Opening Prayer: (pray silently or aloud)
Loving God, We come today carrying many different things on our hearts. Slow us down in these moments that we may be reminded that we are not alone. Open our hearts to Your presence and help us to share kindness, compassion, and grace with the people around us. Fill us with Your peace and send us out with Your love. Amen

** Sharing the Peace of Christ

**° Hymn: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" #462

Celebration of Our Gifts

**° Hymn: "Pass It On" #309

Prayer of Confession/Silent Reflection/Assurance of Grace

Scripture Reading:
Psalm 100
Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

Time for the Young at Heart

Message: "Called to Care"

Holy Communion

**Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, Thank You for meeting us at this table once again. Thank You for the bread that reminds us that we are nourished by Your grace and the cup that reminds us that we are deeply loved. Help us carry that love into the world around us and may it shape the way we care for others this week. Amen

**+ "The 99"

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** Final Blessing

** "A Choral Benediction"
Postlude

** Please stand, if you are able.
+ Black contemporary folder ° Blue hymnal

Announcements

- Karen will be on vacation June 22-25
 - The office will be closed from 9am-12pm (Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday) and open 12pm-2pm
 - The office will be open at the normal time on Wednesday
 - Please call the church office for any needs. (The phone will be forwarded to Pastor Amy)
 - We welcome Grace Neilson as our summer pianist. Grace will be sharing her musical gifts with us all summer long
 - Come out and support the Church yard Sale on June 13th @ 9:00 AM
 - Please join us June 21st to celebrate 2026 Graduates
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- Women's Ministry – ZOOM June 10th @ 7:30 PM
 - Monthly Movie – June 12th @ 3:00 PM
 - Yard Sale – Parking Lot – June 13th @ 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
 - Widows Support Group – June 19th @ 1:00 PM – Dutch Country Restaurant
 - PAL – Grace UCC Helpers – June 20th @ 9:00 AM
 - VBS – June 22nd – 26th @ 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Meetings

- Staff Meeting – June 15th @ TBD
- Worship & Music Committee Meeting - June 22nd @ 3:30 PM
- Faith Formation Committee Meeting – June 22nd @ 5:00 PM



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Thank you for today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor - Amy Fawks
Lector - Jenn Weaver
Organist and Music Director -

Head Usher – Angie Boyer & Vickie Arnold

At Christ's table, all are welcome. Our bread and juice are always gluten-free so everyone may share in this meal.



Psalm 100

O U R S E L V E S
S U Y T R U T H H
Y I G Q W H O H Y
Q L N A K G R V E
L A A G T S L C V
G Y C N I E G S T
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LANDS
SINGING
OURSELVES

GATES
TRUTH

Matthew 9

I F C O U N T R Y U E F S W L D S H T K S G I U
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- HAND
- FAME
- CRYING
- WHEN
- EYES
- JESUS
- COUNTRY
- BROUGHT
- ISRAEL
- PHARISEES
- KINGDOM
- WERE
- SAITH
- FORTH

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Matthew 9:36-38

