



14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 30, 2026

10:00 am

*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.

Liturgist for today's worship is Traci McCoy.

Thanks to Ann Marie Conner for special music today.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

CALL TO WORSHIP*

The Lord our God is with us.

Stop and listen; turn and see!

The Lord our God is with us.

This place is holy ground.

The Lord our God is with us.

The God of our ancestors is here.

HYMN*

"Go Down, Moses"

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PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

God of mercy, we confess that, like the disciples, we set our minds not on divine things but on human things. Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need. Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers. Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation. Forgive us that we may gain new life in you, for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray.

[silence]

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

RESPONSE TO PARDON

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**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

GOSPEL– Matthew 16:21-28

Traci McCoy

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Handchimes Choir

OLD TESTAMENT – Exodus 3:1-15

SERMON

“Where Is My Sign?” Dr. Linda Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE *(from “A Declaration of Faith”)*

God delivered God’s people. When Abraham’s descendants were slaves in Egypt, God heard their cries and prayers. God remembered his promise and sent Moses to free them from bondage. We declare God’s steadfast love and sovereign power. The Lord can be trusted to keep promises. The Lord still acts in the affairs of individuals and nations to set oppressed and persecuted people free.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE*

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**Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
The nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN – All are welcome!

Today after church – information and Q&A
congregational gathering regarding new terms
of call for the pastor (in sanctuary)

September 13 – called congregational meeting
to vote on new terms of call for the pastor