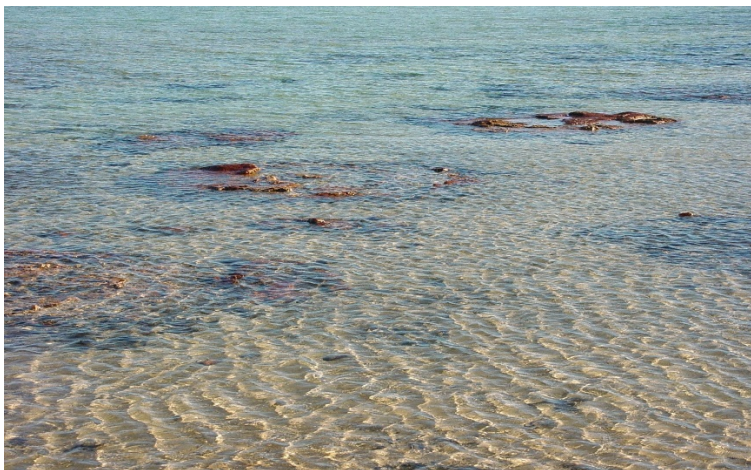




16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 13, 2026

10:00 am

*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.
Liturgist for today's worship is Joe Hunnings.

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.

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously.

**The Lord is our strength and might,
God has become our salvation.**

Sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously.

**This is our God, whom we praise;
Yahweh is God's name.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

Gracious and loving God, you lived for us—we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us—we have not forgiven others. You have loved us—we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another. Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord.

[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 19:21-35

Joe Hunnings

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Adult Choir

“Wade in the Water”

OLD TESTAMENT – Exodus 14:19-31

SERMON

“God the Rescuer?”

Dr. Linda Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE

(from “A Proposed New Confession for the PCUSA”)

**We trust in God alone, Holy One, Holy Three:
Lover, Beloved, and Love,
overflowing and boundless.**

**The Trinity, “blessed communion,
fellowship divine, models love
and empowers creatures to love in return.**

**Before us, beneath us, beyond us, ever creating,
God breathes life into all that is,
rejoicing in its abundant goodness.**

All of creation sings praise to God.

**As members of this wondrous creation,
made in God’s image and likeness,
humanity echoes the overflowing and boundless
love of the Creator.**

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.

HYMN* *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"* 435

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE* (*sing twice*) 742

**We will walk with God, my brothers;
we will walk with God.**

**We will walk with God, my sisters;
we will walk with God.**

**We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – all members, please stay to vote on new terms of call for the pastor

FALL CHURCH PICNIC – Main dish and dessert provided—Everyone is welcome!