



Faith
UNITED CHURCH of Christ

Pastor Tina Bacon | Supply Pastor
Rev. Gary Burdick | Pastor Emeritus
Robin Miller | Church Musician

Sunday, August 23, 2026
10:15 a.m. Worship Service

13th Sunday after Pentecost

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

Time of Silent Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 124) *Liturgist: Kevin Biddle*

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

People: We belong to God.

Leader: When we are afraid,

People: God will keep us safe.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

People: Blessed be the Lord!

INVOCATION

***HYMN** *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"* Gray#634

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Exodus 1-2, Romans 12)

Caring God,

you call us to be the body of Christ:

to live in community,

to care for one another,

to use our different gifts.

Instead of working to sustain community,

we follow our own desires.

Instead of trusting in your care,

we think we can do it alone.

Forgive our neglect of others.

**Give us obedient spirits,
that we may care for one another,
depend on your love,
and use our gifts for your gospel. Amen.**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Psalm 124, Romans 12)**

Pastor: The Lord is on our side,
offering words of forgiveness,
protecting us from danger.
We are a forgiven people,
bound together in God's love.
We are the body of Christ, forgiven and free.

People: Praise be to God. Amen.

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you all.
People: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 1:8-2:10

ANTIPHONAL PSALM

Psalm 124

EPISTLE READING

Romans 12:1-8

***HYMN** *"God Will Take Care of You"*

Gray #619 vs. 1,2,4

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:13-20

SERMON "Pop Quiz"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN** *"All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name"* Gray #95 vs. 1,2,4

***GIFTS and OFFERINGS** *There is an offering plate on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary. May God bless the missions of our church and the needs of the world through the gifts of our resources. Amen.*



***DOXOLOGY**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING** *God Be with You*
Gray #840 vs.1

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

For peace in this country and the world, for our military, for all involved in war, and those who have lost loved ones and are grieving. And also for those whose needs we do not know.

For Vickie Bieger, Stephen Dearth, Barb Fink, Scot Kish, Pat Granville, Carol Mueller, Claudia Renzi, Phil Renzi, Chuck & Sheila Recktenwalt, Leroy Rockwood, Tom & Marilyn Rucker, Joe Ryan, Sally Schutt, Janet Taber.

For Those in the Military: Jacob Braun, Zachary Braun, Justin Buczek, Teegan Partridge, Caydan Skinner, Jamie-Lynn Smerka, Justin Slighter, Joe Solak, Mary Solak, Aaron Wellman and Mark Williams.

OPERATING BUDGET INCOME & EXPENSES

Average weekly operating expenses: \$2,355

Offering collection from August 16, 2026: \$1,592

Current: \$1,537 Benevolent: \$55

Attendance on Sunday, August 16, 2026: 31

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are grateful to have **Pastor Tina Bacon** as our supply pastor, presiding over worship today.
- **Meditation for oneness** classes have begun and will continue through September 7th on Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

- A **collection for school supplies** will be held during the month of August. This is being done in conjunction with **LOVE INC.** These supplies will be used in schools in the Springville area to help families not able to provide essential items.
- **Community Campfire** Friday, August 28th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Bring a chair and join us for a campfire and s'mores.
- We want to acknowledge the concerns that have been shared regarding the review of our birthday, anniversary, and military lists. We understand that these lists are meaningful because they help us celebrate, remember, and support one another as a church family. The purpose of starting fresh is not to erase anyone or overlook anyone. Rather, we want to make sure the information we keep and share is accurate, current, and provided by the members or families who wish to be included. Over time, records can become outdated, and we believe this review will help us care for one another more faithfully and respectfully.
If you would like to be included on the birthday or anniversary list, or if you would like to provide the name of someone serving in the military, please share the name and applicable date or information with Angella or Gail Berger. We are grateful for your patience and help as we rebuild these lists together. Thank you for helping us keep our church family connected, celebrated, and prayerfully remembered.
- **The mission team**, in conjunction with **CIA (Churches in Action)** will be having the **Undie Sunday** collection during the month of September. We will be collecting NEW socks, underwear, bras, and diapers. Donations for any size or age are welcome.
- The **Men's Group** will meet on Saturday, September 12th at 9:00 a.m.
- **Rally Back Day** will be held on Sunday, September 13th. A Potluck luncheon will follow the worship service that day. There will be a sign-up sheet for helping in the kitchen. Everyone should bring their own table service. Coffee, tea, lemonade, and water will be provided.
- **BBQ Pulled Pork Dinner** will be held on Saturday, September 26th 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. or until sold out. Tickets available. Please see Kevin Biddle or Karen Winter.