



Faith
UNITED CHURCH of Christ

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

Sunday, September 13, 2026
10:15 a.m. Worship Service

16th Sunday after Pentecost

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

Time of Silent Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing and rejoice! The Lord reaches out to you with healing love!

People: The Lord is our strength and our power!

Leader: Dance before the Lord, a dance of joy and hope!

People: The Lord brings us joy and lifts us up in hope.

Leader: Come, let us worship God who is always with us.

People: Let us celebrate the good news God brings to us each day.

INVOCATION

***HYMN** *"Through the Love of God Our Savior"* Gray#610

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that we don't always turn to you in our troubles. Sometimes we are paralyzed by fear and anxiety. We cannot see "the light at the end of the tunnel". For us, there is only the ongoing darkness and hopelessness. Clear our sight, O Lord. Bind up our wounded spirits!

Fill us with your mercy and love. Forgive us when we stray; when we fear; when we falter. Pick us up and place us on pathways of peace and hope, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Pastor: No matter what befalls us, the Lord walks with us on the path, bringing us courage and hope. No matter what, we belong to the Lord, now and forever.

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 14:19-31

ANTIPHONAL PSALM

Psalms 124:3-8

EPISTLE READING

Romans 14:1-12

***HYMN** "Help Us Accept Each Other"

Gray #437

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON "What is Forgiveness"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Gray #20

***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, Priscilla 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, Sophia Rappl Raso, Jamie-Lynn Smerka, Justin Slighter, and Mark Williams.

OPERATING BUDGET INCOME & EXPENSES

Average weekly operating expenses: \$2,355

Offering collection from September 6, 2026: \$757

Current: \$757 Benevolent: \$0

Attendance on Sunday, September 6, 2026: 32

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thank you, **Pastor Tina Bacon** for presiding over worship today.
- **It's Rally Back Day!** During today's worship service, we will celebrate the **Blessing of the Backpacks**. **Sunday School** also resumes today, and everyone is invited to a **potluck luncheon following worship**.
- **Calling all craft show vendors and volunteers.** Please see Church bulletin board for a vendor table sheet and/or sign-up sheet to volunteer to help on October 16th and October 17th.
- **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.
- **BBQ Pulled Pork Dinner** will be held on Saturday, September 26th 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. or until sold out. Tickets are available for pre-sale or at the event for \$15.00. Please see Kevin Biddle or Karen Winter.
- **Intro to Meditation: Peace** classes begin October 12th and will continue through November 16th on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. See bulletin board outside Church office.

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