

*Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September, 6, 2026*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR; ANNOUNCEMENTS; PASSING THE PEACE;
PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader

God said, "Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord." Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." We come in the name of the Spirit, resting from our labors. Let us worship God this day!

*HYMN # 426 (Blue Hymnal)

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

**Beatitudes for Workers (based on Matthew 5:3-6; Luke 6:20-21)
Responsively**

Leader: Blessed are the poor in spirit

People: for they welcome instruction, and do not rely solely on their own status or pride.

Leader: Blessed are those who mourn

People: for they empathize with struggling colleagues and seek to heal workplace hurt.

Leader: Blessed are the meek

People: for they choose patience and kindness over ambition.

Leader: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness

People: for they strive for fair treatment and integrity in every task.

Leader: Blessed are the merciful

People: for they forgive a coworker's mistake and offer grace under pressure.

Leader: Blessed are the pure in heart

People: for their motives at work are transparent, honest, and free from malice or deceit.

Leader: Blessed are the peacemakers

People: for they bridge divides between teams, and foster harmony in stressful environments.

Leader: Blessed are those persecuted for doing what is right,

People: for they hold fast to their ethical standards even when it is unpopular at the job.

***GLORIA PATRI** - *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.*

A WORD FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART
THE MORNING PRAYERS

WE GIVE THANK OFFERINGS TO GOD

GIVING GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** - *Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 5:21-24 (Bible p.5)

Matthew 6:33; 20:26-28 (Bible p.961; 977)

THE SERMON:

"First Things First"

Dr. William D. Coker

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

***COMMUNION HYMN # 333 (Blue Hymnal)**

Seek Ye First

In Matthew 11, Jesus said "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. When we come to the table of the Lord's Supper, we are coming to find rest at a meal where we are served rather than serving. The Lord's Supper forces us to set our minds on Jesus and his broken body and spilled blood for our sin. Our souls are restored by what we have in Christ. Despite our sin, in Jesus there is rest because we are forgiven.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PREPARATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING - THE 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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Bread of Life

inspired by John 6

I believe in God, the giver of grain and bread; and in Jesus Christ, the bread of life broken for us; and in the Holy Spirit, God's nourishing power in every grain and loaf. I believe that Christ is within us, so that we may offer the bread of life to the hungry of every human heart.

***HYMN # 141 (Burgundy hymnbook or insert)**

Bringing in the Sheaves

***BENEDICTION**

Colossians 3:17

When you work, work as though you worked for the Lord. When you rest, rest in the sovereign grace of God. And when you celebrate, celebrate as a people with the greatest reason for love, joy, and celebration. Go now in the grace and forgiveness of our Savior.

POSTLUDE - (*) *We stand as we are able.*

Announcements:

1. Welcome Visitors. We're so glad you are here. Please fill out our Welcome/Prayer Requests Card located on the back of the pew and drop it in the Offering Plate. Please feel free to invite your family and friends to come and enjoy our loving and laughing Church family.
2. The flowers are given by Jynni Bowyer in honor of Frank's Birthday on Sept. 9th.
3. Our next fellowship luncheon will be September 20th.
4. The ladies will eat at Ophelia's (formerly Giggles) on Thursday, Sept. 3rd at 11:20.
5. Sermon Series:
 - September 6 "First Things First"
 - September 13 "Blessed Are Those Persecuted"
6. Prayer List
 - a. Rosalie Rohrer (Margaret's mother) - She is having a difficult recovery from her recent surgery; please keep her and Margaret both in your prayers.
 - b. Price Coarsey - Great-nephew of Butch Coarsey -recovering from an accident
 - c. Marc & Athelyn Buttrill (Cheryl Coker's parents) -minor health issues
 - d. Gail Dekle (the mother of Amyie Mathis) has been diagnosed with Stage 4 nonalcoholic Cirrhosis of the Liver. She is staying with Chad & Amyie.
 - e. Jim Hall (friend of the Cokers) - battling cancer
 - b. **Update: Shane Ferraro:** (Bowyer's daughter, Peyton's best friend) has finished chemo for Stage 2 colon cancer and is awaiting scans.
 - c. **Melissa Hughes** - (Niece of Marlene Mathis) is undergoing treatment for Stage 4 metastatic bone cancer.
 - d. **Stacy Jones (our pianist)**- recovering from surgery
 - e. **Donnie Sumner** - several health issues
 - f. Pray for those who have unspoken prayer requests that they find the answers and comfort they need.



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