Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Holy Communion
September 6, 2026
Shared Ministry 9:45 a.m.

OUR LORD'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

There's a Place for You Here

*As you view and participate in this worship please note that **bolded text** invites ALL to voice.*

Gathering Music "Incipe Menalios Mecum" W. A. Mozart
"Upon a Summer's Day" William Byrd

GATHERING TOGETHER

Think on This for Today

We might think it doesn't need mentioning, but in the world in which we live, it is relevant and necessary for us to declare that conflicts are not to be resolved with violence on our part. Nor are we called to cast out, beat down, or oppress any enemy as unworthy of our attention and love. We are called by Christ, by the one who redeems, to lead with love, to stand against nationalism and white supremacy, to stand against any claims that place one group, one race, one class, or nationality above others.

Prelude "Joy Doth So Arise" Thomas Morley

Graceful Engagement

*Call to Worship
Family of God, we live in a world full of conflict and division.
God calls us to be a people of reconciliation.
We live in a world full of misinformation and confusion.
God calls us to be a people of truth and clarity.
We live in a world that wants to settle disputes with harmful words and actions.
God calls us to be a people who make peace through compassion and honesty.
We live in a world that does not understand the ways of Jesus.
Yet Jesus teaches us to be a people of reconciliation and peace for the good of the whole world. Thanks be to God!

*Opening Hymn "In the Midst of New Dimensions" *vs. 1, 2* FWS 2238

*Unison Prayer

Lord of the church, You call a broken people around Your table: in times of disagreement, teach us to listen, loose us from prejudice and bind us to Your way of forgiving grace; through Jesus Christ, who stands at the heart of our gathering. Amen.

LEARNING TOGETHER

Children's Message

One: And Jesus said... **ALL: Let the children come!**

*Scripture Reading Matthew 18:15-20 The Message

Sermon "Relationship Matters"

RESPONDING TOGETHER

(please text prayers to 414-378-4012 and Pastor Kelly will receive them)

Response Song "In the Midst of New Dimensions" *vs. 3* FWS 2238

Caring for Community

Be sure to write prayer requests, joys and concerns on the prayer board.

A United Methodist Prayer for Workers on Labor Day

Invitation to Giving

Offertory Music "Fantasia I" Orlando Gibbons

*Doxology UMH 95 words adapted

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, the heavenly host;
Praise God, the Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Blessing Prayer

Reconciling God, You mark our lives not with fear, but with mercy, and You gather us into a people shaped by grace. As You delivered Your children at Passover and taught Your church to seek peace with one another, teach us

to live in our "church clothes" every day - clothed in patience, truth, and love. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in Your saving power and our commitment to Your work of healing and restoration. Use what we offer to mend what is broken, welcome those who feel outside, and build a community where forgiveness and hope have the final word. Let it be so.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
(liturgy for ALL on screen)

Invitation *ALL are welcome at this Table!*

Preparing Our Hearts

*Reconciling Action

*Celebration Song "In the Midst of New Dimensions" *vs. 4 words adapted*
FWS 2238

The Great Thanksgiving Musical setting FWS 2257a-d

The Lord's Prayer
Pray in the language & version of the prayer that most speaks your heart.

Instructions/Giving and Receiving *a gluten-free option is available*
Signal the servers if you'd like to be served where you are seated. Remember to place your offering in the labeled plates when you come forward to receive Communion.

Prayer of Thanks

*Responsive Sending Forth
Family of God, the lessons of reconciliation and peace-making are not easy.
As we move into the week ahead, may God bless us with the desire to restore community when it is broken.
Hold boundaries with firmness and grace and to listen with curiosity.
We go forth committed to speak with gentleness, that ALL may know we are disciples of Jesus Christ.

*Final Blessing/Call to Discipleship
Respond "Yes!" after each blessing phrase and join in ALL together for the final phrase: "This day and in every day to come!"

*Closing Hymn "In the Midst of New Dimensions" *vs. 5* FWS 2238

please be seated for the postlude

*Postlude "Giga" from Opus 2, No. 4 Arcangelo Corelli

The Broderie Trio Recorder Group is open for conversation and your questions following worship today.

Let us ALL take a moment to show our appreciation for todays very special musical guests!

Need hearing assistance? Hearing assist devices are available. Visit our tech room and someone will help you.

Lectionary readings: Exodus 14:19-31 *"Israel delivered at the sea"*; Psalm 114 *"Tremble, O earth"*; Romans 14:1-12 *"When brothers and sisters judge each other"*; Matthew 18:21-35 *"A parable of forgiveness"*

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Highlighting, with gratitude, these servant leaders for today...

Wendi Haubert, Izzy Veit, Rebecca Landgraf, Kathy Depies, Decker Henninger, Sue Broker, Karen Haubert, Don Mains, Judie Liebenstein, Rachel Kaufman, and The Broderie Trio: Mary Ellen Close, Diane Kuntzelman, Tabitha Manning

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Worship resource: **Ministry Matters, https://www.ministrymatters.com/, Discipleship Ministries, https:// www.umcdiscipleship.org/, Doxology from "Praising God" by Ruth C. Duck/Patricia Wilson-Kastner**

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