

SUNDAY WORSHIP
September 06, 2026
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST , YEAR A

Ringling of Outdoor Bell @ 10:00 AM **Liturgist: Judi Hartshorn**

Welcome **Pastor Laura Perez**

Gathering Hymns “Shine, Jesus, Shine” UMH #2173

Call to Worship

L: When God began creating...

P: God held purpose, possibility, and intention...

L: for all Creation to belong and flourish together.

P: As God continued creating...

L: Jesus Christ brought to light God’s love in tender flesh...

P: that we may trust the light when we’ve lost our way.

L: As God restores and redeems toward New Creation...

P: God’s Spirit continues to breathe across the waters.

L : And in this season, the lantern shines beauty from inside the stone.

P: In this season, salt connects oceans teeming with life with tears shed in grief.

L: May God’s beautiful Creation inspire our worship.

All: May God’s love inspire our song. Let us praise God—Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit—for the gift of life abundant.

All: Prayer of Confession

May we as people of God’s household join in this prayer based on Psalm 104:24: Compassionate, merciful God, Companion with all Creation, we gather today in celebration, giving thanks for the diversity of relatives and the abundance of fertile soils and salty seas. With the ancients we rejoice, “In wisdom you have made them all.” May we open our hearts to feel the threats to Creation. May we hear anew the Spirit’s call for wise keepers of Earth’s resilience. May we learn again to love what you have loved from the beginning. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Liturgist: Passing the Peace: May the peace of Christ be with you

People: And, with you! (Please be brief as you pass the peace of Christ and greet one another.)

Children’s Message

Susan Johnson

Liturgist: Prayer before the Offering

Creator God, everything we have comes from you. As you have generously provided for us through the abundance of your Creation, receive now these gifts we return to you. Use them to bring hope, healing, and light to our community and your world. In Jesus’ name, we pray. **Amen.**

Offertory

Song / Music

Joy Asenas

Doxology:

UMH # 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayers, Concerns and Celebrations of the week

Pastor: The Lord’s Prayer

UMH # 895

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

Preparation Hymn “Morning Has Broken” UMH # 145

Scripture Readings

Liturgist

Old Testament Genesis 1:1-5

Pastor Laura Perez New Testament John 1:1-5

Message “Look to Jesus”

Pastor Laura Perez

COMMUNION

Hymn of Commitment “Fairest Lord Jesus ” UMH # 189

Prayer for Going Forth Liturgist and People: Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. In Jesus' name. Amen. (J. Wesley, England, 18th Century).

Announcements

Blessings to the people Hear the good news! We belong with Christ in God’s Creation!

Beauty and provision abound! May we go from this feast, Grateful and generous,

As kin who love and care, Respect and repair, to shine light in the depth of sorrow,

As the life of God prevails— Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, Three in One, One in Three.

Amen and amen.

Closing song

May the God of Peace be with you, holding you in strong fingered hands, and may you be an instrument of God's peace, to those whose hands you hold, and may the blessings of peace, be with you, be with you, be with you. ***Please stand as you are able in body or spirit**

APPRECIATION TO:

Pastor
Liturgist
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Pianist
Children's Sermon
Adult Education Director
Lay Leader
Videographer
Office Admin
Communion Steward

Laura Perez
Judi Hartshorn
You
Joy Asenas
Susan Johnson
Laura Shaw
Susan Johnson
Eric Nelson
Cristina Mendez
Carolyn Diaz

Upcoming Events

Bible and Book Studies

"Disciple Bible Study"

Will resume in the Fall.

Monday's 10:00 – 12:00 Noon

Laura Shaw Facilitating through ZOOM

"Mere Christianity"

By C.S Lewis

Beginning July 28th

Tuesday's 1:00 – 3:00pm

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Volunteer Spotlight

Today, we shine the spotlight on **Heather Nielsen**, whose service is a blessing to us, whether it's a greeting with a smile, lending a helping hand or quietly going the extra mile. We thank **Susan Johnson** for her faithfulness in shaping young hearts, the way you continuously show up with a heart ready to serve and make a difference, your hard work does not go unnoticed.

Our Vision

With God's help we will
Foster personal growth,
Promote participation by all ages,
Embrace new ideas, and
Be more visible and engaged in our community.

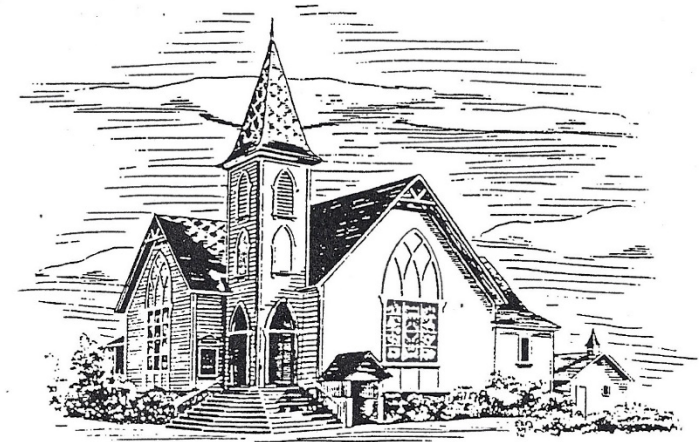
September Birthdays

26th Ernestine Stansbery

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