

SUNDAY WORSHIP
September 20, 2026
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST , YEAR A

Ringling of Outdoor Bell @ 10:00 AM **Liturgist: Ernestine Stansbery**

Welcome **Pastor Laura Perez**

Gathering Hymns “He Has Made Me Glad” TFWS #2270

Call to Worship

L:Praise God from the sun and the moon!

P: Praise God, all who are God’s messengers!

L: Praise God, in the highest heavens and to the depths of the sea!

P: Praise God and be strengthen as God’s faithful ones!

L: In this season, the lantern shines beauty from inside the stone that God created.

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

L: May God’s beautiful creation inspire our worship. May God’s love inspire our song.

All: Prayer of Confession

Holy Creator, you who breathe life into the vast cosmos and hold all things in your loving embrace, we come before you as part of this great tapestry of creation, from the stars that dance in the heavens to the trees that whisper in the breeze, From the depths of the seas to the mountains that stand as witnesses to your glory. Open our hearts to the fullness of your presence in all things that we might join the cosmic chorus of praise with joy and humility. Teach us to live in kinship with all creation, Embracing the sacred dance of grace, hospitality, and ongoing transformation. In your holy name, we pray. 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, all that we have and all that we are comes from you. The earth is yours, and all creation declares your praise. As we prepare to give, fill our hearts with gratitude and generosity. Receive these gifts as an expression of our love for you, and use them to bring hope, healing, and blessing to our community and your world. May our giving become another way our lives join creation’s song of praise. 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 “This Is My Father’s World” UMH # 144

<u>Scripture Readings</u>	Liturgist	Old Testament Psalm 148
	Pastor Laura Perez	New Testament Colossians 1:15-20

Message “The Cosmic Dance of Creation and our Place within it” **Pastor Laura Perez**

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 Worship committee meeting September 24th 3:00 p.m.; Food Share October 03rd; Joy Asenas piano recital September 27th 2:00p.m.; The Allen’s twin birthday celebration after service.

Blessings to the people

As you go from this place, may your eyes remain open to the beauty of God’s creation, may your ears attentive to its song of praise, and your heart centered on Jesus Christ, in whom all things hold together. Go knowing that you have a place in God’s beautiful creation. **Look again, remember again, listen again and join the song.** May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the presence of the Holy Spirit be with you today and always. Go in peace to love, serve, and praise the Lord. **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**

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

APPRECIATION TO:

Laura Perez
Ernestine Stansbery
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 September 14th
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
Laura Shaw Facilitating through ZOOM

Volunteer Spotlight

Today, we shine the spotlight on **Bob Morris**, 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 **Carolyn Diaz** 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

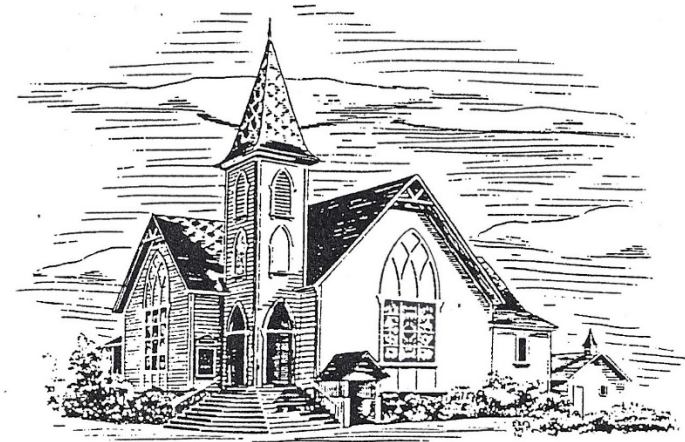
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