

SUNDAY WORSHIP

September 27, 2026

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST , YEAR A

Ring of Outdoor Bell @ 10:00 AM Liturgist: Martha Gentry
Welcome Pastor Laura Perez

Gathering Hymns “Majesty , Worship His Majesty” UMH# 176

Call to Worship

L: Come people of God, with your joys and your questions, your hopes and your concerns.

P: We come to seek the presence of the Lord.

L: When the way is clear, God is faithful.

P: And when we do not understand, God is faithful.

L: When we have answers, we will praise him.

P: And while we are waiting, we will still praise him.

L: The mercy of the Lord never fails, and his grace is sufficient for us.

P: We will trust in the Lord and worship Him together.

L: Let us worship God!

All: Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that sometimes it is difficult to trust you when we do not understand what is happening. Forgive us when we are our fear becomes greater than our faith, when impatience takes over our hearts, or when disappointment causes us to doubt your presence. Teach us to bring our questions honestly before you and to continue trusting even while we wait. Remind us that your mercy is everlasting, your grace is sufficient, and your love never lets us go. Renew our hearts and strengthen our faith. **In the name of Jesus Christ, 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

Marcia Heerema

Liturgist: Prayer before the Offering

Gracious God, every good gift we have comes from you. With grateful hearts, we bring these offerings as an expression of our faith and love. Receive them and use them to bless your church, serve those in need and share the hope of Jesus Christ with our community and beyond. May our giving reflect our trust in you and our gratitude for your faithful provision. **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 “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” UMH # 731 Verse 1,2&4

Scripture Readings

Liturgist

Old Testament Psalm 13

Pastor Laura Perez New Testament 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Message “When God seems Silent” **Pastor Laura Perez**

Hymn of Commitment “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” UMH # 127

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 Food Share October 3rd; Joy Asenas piano recital September 27th 2:00p.m.; SPRC meeting October 8th 3:00 p.m. through ZOOM

Blessings to the people

As you go from this place, you may go knowing that you do not walk alone. When you have questions, **keep praying**. When you are waiting, **keep trusting**. When you do not understand, **Hold on to God**. May the grace of Jesus Christ sustain you; may the love of God surround you, and may the Holy Spirit strengthen and guide you each day. And may you carry these words with you: **“My grace is sufficient for thee.”** Go in peace, trusting in the faithfulness of God. **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**

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Pianist
Children's Sermon
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Lay Leader
Videographer
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Communion Steward

APPRECIATION TO:

Laura Perez
Martha Gentry
You
Joy Asenas
Marcia Heerema
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 **Ernestine Stansbery**, 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

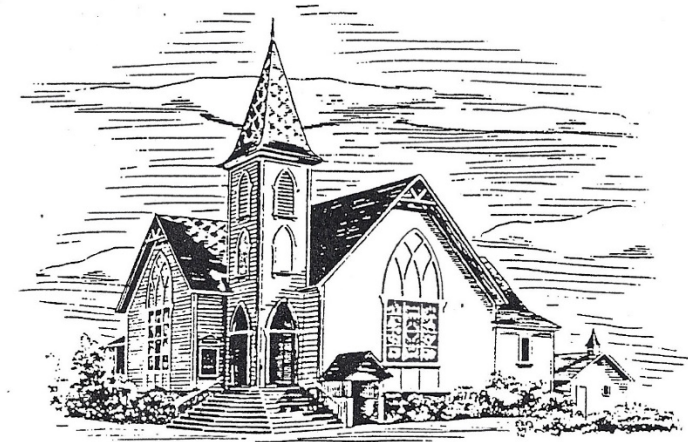
26th Ernestine Stansbery

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