

Sunday, October 12, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

TODAY'S FOCUS: GRATITUDE. Are we prone to take God's love and healing for granted or will we go that extra mile to show our thanks?

PRELUDE — Rhonda Ritter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Lin

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST — Lin**

***OPENING HYMN** UMH #140 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

REFRAIN: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. REFRAIN

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
REFRAIN

***CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 66:1-5) — Bonnie Clark**

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

Many: and give thanks with grateful hearts.

One: Sing the glory of God's name;

Many: and give praise with joy!

One: Come and see God's marvelous deeds;

All: Let us rejoice and give thanks forever!

ALL: God of all people, bring your grace to our weary world and our troubled hearts; ignite hope within our worship this day. Strengthen our faith as your children, that we may partner with you and share the good news of your hope, peace, joy and love for a world in need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the holy one
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his son. REPEAT

And now let the weak say, "I am strong!" Let the poor say I am rich!"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. REPEAT

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.

OFFERTORY — Rhonda Ritter

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #94

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** — Bonnie Clark

ALL: Gracious God, we bring our gifts to your altar this day, knowing that your love extends far beyond these walls, to the communities and cities we serve, and beyond that, to the far side of the world. Bless this offering, given with love and gratitude, and bless us as well. Send us back into the world to work for the welfare of those who don't yet know your love, and dedicate our gifts for this work. We pray this in your Son's holy name. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER — Lin

All: 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.

***CLOSING HYMN** UMH #57 "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing" (vs. 1-3)

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

3. Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

***BENEDICTION** — Lin

POSTLUDE — Rhonda Ritter

Prelude/Postlude—Rhonda Ritter

Offertory—Rhonda Ritter

Organ —Betsy Foushee

Special Music — Scott, Shelly & Betsy: “Come Jesus, Holy Son of God” by G.F. Handel

Liturgist — Bonnie Clark

Accomp.—Rhonda Ritter

Song Leader— Scott Anderson

Violin — Rae Ann Norell

Children’s Message— Sharon Goldade