

Sunday, September 14, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Welcome Craig and Rev. Laretta Lundquist!

TODAY'S FOCUS: Suicide is represented in the Bible more than once. What Scripture says and does NOT say about it may surprise you.

PRELUDE — Brooke Balbuena

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Suzanne Gallagher

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** — Suzanne Gallagher

***OPENING HYMN** UMH #158 “Come Christians Join to Sing”

1. Come Christians join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend; His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

3. Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

***CALL TO WORSHIP** — Suzanne Gallagher

One: Good morning, friends, neighbors, people of God!

Many: This is a place where all are welcome

One: Let everyone in this place find love and encouragement here, so there will be no doubt that God's love is here for all people.

Many: This is a place of acceptance and love!

One: Let everyone in this place feel the reality of hope and peace, so there will be no need for hopelessness or violent thoughts.

Many: This is a place of forgiveness and fresh starts.

One: Let everyone in this place praise God for the loving community we find here.

All: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER — Suzanne Gallagher

SPECIAL MUSIC — Craig Lundquist

HYMN TFWs #2233 “Where Children Belong”

CHILDREN’S STORY — Sharon Goldade

SCRIPTURE: Acts 16:25-31 — Suzanne Gallagher

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹ They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

MESSAGE “Do not harm yourself. We are here!” Rev. Laurretta Lundquist

RESPONSIVE HYMN UMH #377 “It Is Well with My Soul” (vs. 1, 3, & 4)

1s When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever the cost thou has taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

REFRAIN: It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul). It is well, it is well with my soul.

3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **REFRAIN**

4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend; even so, it is well with my soul! **REFRAIN**

OFFERTORY — Brooke Balbuena

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #94

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION — Suzanne Gallagher**

ALL: God of grace, we ask that you accept our offerings of love and our commitment to nurture all your children with the love of Christ. May our gifts this morning show our acceptance of your blessings and your loving care for us. Use these gifts to change hearts, to change lives, and to change the dire circumstances in which some of your children live. We ask this in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER — Rev. Lauretta Lundquist

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**

TFWS #2162 "Grace Alone"

1 Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,
Every difference we will make is only by his grace,
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,
Every blessing left behind is only by his grace.

REFRAIN: Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide.
Christ in us our Cornerstone: we will go forth in grace alone.

2. Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,
every where we share his peace is only by his grace.
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,
every sorrow turned to praise is only by his grace. **REFRAIN**

***BENEDICTION — Rev. Lauretta Lundquist**

POSTLUDE — Brooke Balbuena

Prelude/Postlude—Brooke Balbuena
Offertory— Brooke Balbuena
Organ —Betsy Foushee
Special Music — Craig Lundquist (guitar & vocal)
Liturgist — Suzanne Gallagher

Accomp.— Brooke Balbuena
Song Leader— Bonnie Clark
Violin — Rae Ann Norell
Children's Message— Sharon Goldade