

Celebration of Worship

✠ Stand as you are able.

We Gather as God's People

*We welcome you on this fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, **September 9th, 2018.***

Prelude

Greetings, Welcome Visitors, and Announcements

(Please sign and pass the red folder in your row.)

✠ **Congregation Introit** *Surely the Presence of the Lord* no. 328

✠ Call to Worship

L: We are called here this morning to learn of Christ's healing love.

P: **Help us, O Lord, to learn Your lessons of compassion.**

L: Everyday there are many ways in which we can offer help to others.

P: **Help us, O Lord, to be ready to reach out to all in need.**

L: Come, let us worship the One who prepares us for service.

P: **Let us sing our songs of praise to the One who has healed us. AMEN.**

We Give Ourselves to God

✠ **Praise Hymn** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* no. 89

We Pray Together (Unison):

*Lord of mercy and compassion; be with us this day
as we hear of the healing love of Jesus.*

*Remind us that we are also recipients of His compassion
and we are called to bring the same*

hope and love to others. Prepare us for service in His Name. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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Witness: We share our joys, connections, and concerns with Christ.

Pastoral Prayer

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

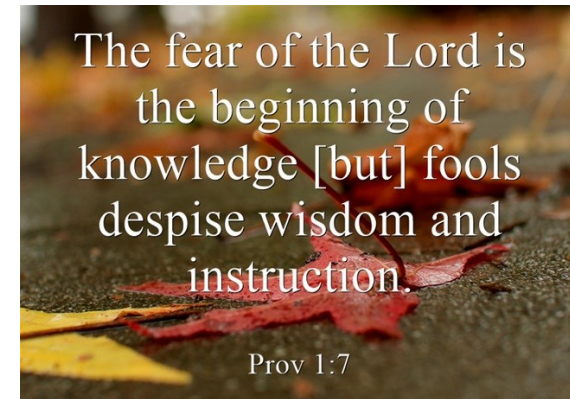
Loose change offerings go toward mission projects SPUMC supports.

Offertory *Give Thanks* no. 2036

✠ Doxology

✠ Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading: **Proverbs 1: 1-4 (OT p. 559)**



We Hear God's Word

Anthem: *Holy Ground* Davis

Sermon: "Live a Lost or Led Life"
Sermon Text: Proverbs 1: 1-33 (OT pp. 559, 560)

We Respond with Our Lives

✠ **Hymn of Invitation** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* no. 402