

Highland Avenue
United Methodist Church
9th Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2026
9:30 a.m.



GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Words of Welcome

The Prelude: **The “Whatever Prelude”**

The Call to Worship: *(By: Trinity United Parish)*

Joy is loose,

In the wiggles of the children,

The whispers of the youth,

The smiles of the adults.

We praise God for this glorious day,

Let praise break forth in the most unlikely places and in silly ways.

Joy and praise fills our hearts and in our songs

Let the laughter be deep, for we are God's people.

*The Opening Hymn: **“This Is My Father’s World”** UMH # 144

Opening Prayer: *(Insert)*

Congregation’s Choice Hymn

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

The Scripture Lessons: **Psalm 126**

Genesis 6-9: The Flood *(From “My First Message,” a Children’s Bible)*

A Time for Children: **“Lifeboat of Laughter”**

The Message: **“Rising Above the Flood ”**

Meditation in Music: **“J-E-S-U-S”** *(to the tune of BINGO)*

A Time of Prayer

Celebrations and Concerns

Silent and Pastor Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer **UMH # 895**

(Continued on the back)

The Offering

*Doxology *(insert)*

*The Prayer of Dedication: **God of laughter and joy; God of hope and love; God who knows just how difficult this life can be and blesses us beyond measure just to see us smile – We thank you. We thank you today with these offerings we lay on the altar before you just knowing that you will guide us in using them to help someone else to smile. We thank you with our very lives which we offer in service to you and all of your beloved children. Bless our offerings so that we might be able together to resist the temptations of the world to let fear or suffering define us and instead embrace your gift of joy with holy laughter.**

*The Closing Hymn: **“If You’re Happy and You Know It”** *(insert)*

Benediction

Announcements and Prayer

The Postlude: **“I Haven’t A Clue”**



Jill Anastasio
Pastor Angela’s Mom
Trisha Aziz
Tom Bailey
Geneva and Norman
Beckwith
June Black
Michael Breed
Calvin
Cathy Brissette
Russell Brown
**Family of Anne
Chadwick**
Anne Chase
**Bob (Kathy Cumler-
Dennis’ brother)**
Cameron (Ralph’s
grandson)
Gretchen Clark
Thomas Clark
Karen Crommett
Danielle
Barbara Dill

Please pray for:

Donald
Donna & Mike
DiTaranto
Tanner Dostie and
family
Crystal Farris
Armand Fournier
Heidi Garland
Phil Garwood
Harold & Lynn Gerard
Carol Sue
Giampitruzzi
Greg Giampetruzzi
Marge Gillman
Glen
Todd Goode
Kayla Hamilton
Jones Hersom and
family
Samantha Hills
Nancy Holmes
John
Charlotte Johnson
John Karny
David & Gail-Ellen
Kelley
Vicky Kelley
Michael LaPlante

Norine Leathers
Ann LeClair
Cathy & Mark
Leonard
Emily Long’s family
Lois, sister-in-law of Pat
O’Connor
Jerry Lucas
Steve McNelly
Joe Mertz
Jim Meserve
The Mills Family
Ellen Minotty
Paula Moore
Herb Moreshead
**Lynda Moreshead’s
daughter**
Pat O’Connor
Dennis O’Driscoll
Olivia & Jed
Silvia Palmer
Linda Pare
Carla Parsons
Peggy Philips
Joe Phillips
Cheryl and Paul
Poulin
Jessie Powell

Garry Prosser
Sylvia Quint
Family of Gary Quintal
Judy Quintal
Alton Ranks
Sandra Robinson
Russell
Linda Shaw
Sherman Family
Aidan Smith
Sandy Smith
Sullivan Smith
Starr
Laverne & Tim
Tardiff
Randy and Lisa Thibeu
Ellen Truman
Samantha Dunn Walker
Wendy Vigue
Jane Weir
Jonathan Williams

**People of the Middle
East**
The Military
Border Concerns
People of Ukraine
Victims of Violence
**Victims of Natural
Disasters**
Kairos Prison Ministry