Highland Avenue
United Methodist Church
17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2026
9:30 a.m.



GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Words of Welcome
The Prelude: **"Three Things Tell Us With Gladness"**

The Call to Worship**:**

Leader: As we come to worship, we remember that new every morning is God's great love for us.
PEOPLE: We rest assured that God is present here.
Leader: Let us open our hearts and find the God that dwells within.
PEOPLE: We hope in God and trust this truth: God's love and grace are ours.
Leader: Let us worship the God who calls us to share that love and grace in all the world.

*The Opening Hymn: **"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" UMH #139**

Opening Prayer:

Eternal God, you create us and you sustain us. Be here with us now as we worship you, we pray. Teach us that nothing else can support us like you support us. As you share your goodness with us, teach us to share that goodness as Christ did in all the world. As you lavish your love upon us, help us to receive that love and offer it to others in Jesus' name. We worship you in Spirit and in truth this day. Amen.

*Gloria Patri **UMH # 71**

Congregation's Choice

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

The Scripture Lessons: **Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16 (NRSV)**

A Time for Children: **"Children's Letters to God"**

The Message: **"God's Generosity"**

Meditation in Music: **"Matins"** composer: Ralph Cheney lyrics: Sandy Nisbet

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time of Prayer
Celebrations and Concerns
Silent and Pastor Prayers
The Lord's Prayer **UMH #895**

(Continued on the back)

The Offering

*Doxology **UMH # 95**
*The Prayer of Dedication *(insert)*

*The Closing Hymn: **"Grace Alone" TFWS # 2162**

Words of Benediction

Leader: We are a people loved by God.
PEOPLE: We are a people blessed with hope.
Leader: May the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the courage of the Spirit strengthen our faith and set us loose to share God's love with all.

Announcements and Prayer

The Postlude: **"Green Mountain Petronella"**



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

Please pray for:

Donna & Mike DiTaranto
Tanner Dostie and family
Crystal Farris
Armand Fournier
Heidi Garland
Gary
Harold & Lynn Gerard
Carol Sue Giampitruzzi
Greg Giampetruzzi
Marge Gillman
Glen
Todd Goode
Lauren Greenleaf and family
Kayla Hamilton
Jones Hersom and family
Logan Hight-Harvey
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
Norma MacKenzie
Cindy Malcolm's grandnephew
Gail Manelick's neighbor
Chad Martin
Steve McNelly
Joe Mertzel
Jim Meserve
The Mills Family
Ellen Minotty
Paula Moore
Herb Moreshead
Tammy
Pat O'Connor
Dennis O'Driscoll
Olivia & Jed
Silvia Palmer
Linda Pare
Kathy Patrick
Margaret Perkins
Peggy Philips
Joe Phillips
Cheryl and Paul Poulin
Jessie Powell
Garry Prosser
Sylvia Quint
Judy Quintal
Morris Quintal
Alton Ranks
Sandra Robinson
Ilene Russell's sister-in-law
Russell
Linda Shaw
Sherman Family
Sandy Smith
Laverne & Tim Tardiff
Randy and Lisa Thibeau
Ellen Truman
Samantha Dunn Walker
Wendy Vigue
Jane Weir
Jonathan Williams

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