

Highland Avenue
United Methodist Church
15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 21, 2025
9:30 a.m.

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Words of Welcome

The Prelude: “**Early One Morning/All Who Hunger**”

The Call to Worship: (*Psalm 113 UMH pg. 834*)

- ¹ Praise the Lord!
**Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!**
² Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time forth and for evermore!
³ **From the rising of the sun to its setting
the name of the Lord is to be praised!**
⁴ The Lord is high above all nations,
God's glory above the heavens!
⁵ **Who is like the Lord our God,
who is seated on high,**
⁶ **who looks far down
upon the heavens and the earth?**

*The Opening Hymn: “**Together We Serve**” TFWS # 2175

Unison Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your boundless generosity and the resources You have entrusted to us – our time, talents, possessions, and finances. Forgive us for our sometimes misguided efforts to serve earthly desires rather than Your divine agenda. Grant us, we pray, the shrewdness to manage what we have for Your kingdom's purpose. Help us to value eternal treasures over temporal ones, and to prioritize relationships and the spreading of Your Good News. Deliver us from the deceitful love of money and from the fear of want that drives self-centeredness. May we learn to be faithful stewards of what is least, so that we may be trusted with much. Give us a sense of urgency to invest in Your eternal purposes, using all that we are and all that we have for Your glory and the blessing of others. Amen.

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

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The Scripture Lessons: **Luke 16:1-13** **New Testament pg. 106**

The Message: **“The Shrewd”**

Meditation in Music: **“I Fix My Eyes on You”**

A Time of Prayer

Celebrations and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer **UMH # 895**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

The Offering

*Doxology **UMH # 95**

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Closing Hymn: **“What a Mighty God We Serve”** **TFWS # 2021**

Benediction

Announcements and Prayer

Postlude: **“Amazing Grace/Go'in Out”**

*Indicates please stand, if you are able

Bold print – please join in song or prayer



Please pray for:

Harold Aziz
Trisha Aziz
Tom Bailey
Kari Barrett
Geneva and Norman
Beckwith
Michael Breed
Rick Breed
Cathy Brissette
Jim Brown
Kendal Buck
Cameron (Ralph's
grandson)
Gretchen Clark
Karen Crommett

Donna & Mike
DiTaranto
Cheryl and Chip
Edgecomb
Patricia Evis
Lynn Gerard
Kay Gregory
Judy Harriman and
family
Bev Hayward
Russell Hickey
Tracie James
Linda Jamison
Vicky Kelley
Michael LaPlante
Ann LeClair
Kevin Lee
Cathy & Mark
Leonard
Lois, sister-in-law of
Pat O'Connor

Jerry Lucas
Darlene Manzo
Steve McNelly
Kathy Meserve
Tony Morgan
Pat O'Connor
Dennis O'Driscoll
Silvia Palmer
Linda Pare
Carla Parsons
Peggy Philips
Jessie Powell
Judy Quintal
Morris Quintal
Alton Ranks
Cody Russell
Bette Seymour
Sicky (Alfred)
Seymour
Sherman Family

Myron Smith
Sullivan Smith
Randy and Lisa
Thibeu
Rick Thombs
Tracy
Samantha Dunn
Walker
Jane Weir
Bert Winslow
Irene Wise

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