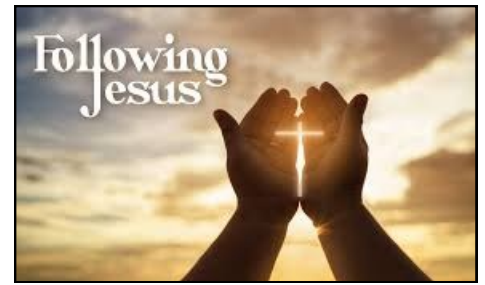


Highland Avenue
United Methodist Church
16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 28, 2025
9:30 a.m.



GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Words of Welcome

The Prelude: **“Tango de la Rosa”** composer, Ralph Cheney

The Call to Worship: *(insert)*

*The Opening Hymn: **“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”** UMH # 384

Unison Prayer

Light of life, you came in flesh, born into human pain and joy, and gave us power to be your children. Grant us faith, O Christ, to see your presence among us, so that all of creation may sing new songs of gladness and walk in the way of peace. Amen.

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

A Time for Children; **“Yearbooks”** *(From Vanderbilt Divinity School, Revised Common Lectionary; adapted by Anne Carter)*

The Scripture Lessons: **Genesis 32: 22-31** **Old Testament pg. 38**
John 1: 10-13 **New Testament pg. 124**

The Message: **“Fifty Years of Following Jesus”**

Meditation in Music: **“Forgive Me Lord”** composer, Ralph Cheney
lyrics, Sandy Nisbet

A Time of Prayer

Celebrations and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer **UMH # 895**

*Indicates please stand, if you are able

Bold print – please join in song or prayer

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

The Offering

*Doxology **UMH # 95**

*The Prayer of Dedication

God of power and glory, as we bring our tithes and offerings to be dedicated to the building of your kingdom here on earth, we are reminded of all the blessings we have received. As we hear again the story of Jacob wrestling with the stranger to receive his blessing, remind us that the best blessings come when we are working hard, breaking a sweat, getting our hands dirty working for justice, compassion, and mercy for all your children. Steer us away from being content with the blessings that require little effort. In Christ, we pray. Amen. (from *Discipleship Resources*, based on Gen 32:22-31)

*The Closing Hymn: **"The Gift of Love"** **UMH # 408**

Benediction

Announcements and Prayer

Postlude: **"Go Forth in Peace"** composer, Ralph Cheney lyrics: Sandy Nisbet

LEAVING TO LOVE AND SERVE



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
Thibeau
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**