

## Welcome to Church of Christ - July 26, 2026

### Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

*We are honored to worship God with you today!*

#### Welcome

*Please put away your phones so that we may be truly present. Thank you!*

**Prelude**      *Land of Rest* – Appalachian tune, arr. W. Held

#### Call to Worship (from Psalm 105)

~Tina Olsen

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name,  
make known God's deeds among the peoples.

**People: Sing to God, sing praises to the Lord;  
tell of all God's wonderful works.**

Leader: Glory in God's holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**People: Seek the Lord's strength;  
seek God's presence continually.**

Leader: Remember the wonderful works God has done:  
creation, miracles, and more.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

**Hymn 19**      *Praise the Lord, His Glories Show*      (Pilgrim Hymnal)

Vs 1 Praise the Lord, his glories show, Alleluia! Saints within his courts below, Alleluia!  
Angels round his throne above, Alleluia! All that see and share his love. Alleluia!

Vs 2 Earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, Alleluia! Tell his wonders, sing his worth, Alleluia!  
Age to age and shore to shore, Alleluia! Praise him, praise him evermore! Alleluia!

Vs 3 Praise the Lord, his mercies trace, Alleluia! Praise his providence and grace, Alleluia!  
All that he for man hath done, Alleluia! All he sends us through his Son. Alleluia!

Vs 4 Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia! In the concert bear your parts; Alleluia!  
All that breathe, your Lord adore, Alleluia! Praise him, praise him evermore! Alleluia!

#### Moment of Silent Prayer

#### The Lord's Prayer (trespasses/debts)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses (debts), as we forgive those who trespass against us (our debtors). And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**Solo**      *Down to the River to Pray* - Traditional American song      ~John Blakeslee

**Scripture**                      1 Kings 3:5-12

~Tina Olsen

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you.

**Sermon**                      "Seeking Understanding"**Hymn 349**        *Seek Ye First**(Worship and Rejoice)*

Please remain seated:

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia! Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, Alleluia!

**Light of Service**        *Venezuela Earthquake Relief - UCC*

~Jane Williams

We have a chance to offer financial gifts in support of Spirit-led work. Undesignated gifts go to the recipient named above. Please use the white envelopes in the pews to designate giving otherwise. There is no obligation, and we always welcome prayers for our LOS recipients. Thank you!

**Offertory**        *Bright Canaan* - Early American Folk Hymn

~John Blakeslee

**Doxology** (two versions are offered) Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen. OR: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication****Sharing Joys and Church Life Updates****Sharing Prayer Concerns**

## **Silent Prayer and Meditation**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn 404**     *Take My Life and Let It Be*

*(Pilgrim Hymnal)*

Vs 1 Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Vs 2 Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love; Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Vs 3 Take my will, and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne.

Vs 4 Take my love: my Lord I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

### **Our Common Commission**

Let us go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the faint-hearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honoring all persons, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Benediction**

**Postlude**     *Foundation – Early American tune, arr. W. Held*

Please remain seated to listen or depart quietly.

**We gladly list these prayer concerns and ask you to keep us apprised of any updates so that we have the most current information.**

**If you would like a pastoral visit please call or email Pastor Erick  
(860-303-0910, reverendole@gmail.com).**

### **Members needing our prayers:**

Patty Cammilletti, Steven, Tina & Aaliyah Chausse, Linda Creedon, Bonnie Greenwood, Holly Kelsey, Will Kelsey, Arlene Patten, Dan Patten, Cindy Sinclair, Ernie Sinclair, Ann Thew, John Thew

### **Ongoing concerns for our relatives and friends:**

Annattie P., Eric, Jo, Kim (Sue Allen), Susannah, Katie B., Kelly W. (Sue Allen), Nell, Andrew Anderson (Ruth Adotte), Jay Atkinson, Ray Beyers & Misty Carbone, Andrea Blacklow (Kristin Mudge's friend), Edie Bruckner, Ron and Rev. Karen Burger (Gary Boucher), Leigh Cappabianca (Missionary in Turkey), Jan

Caudle (Nels White's sister), Hope Childs, Lisa Dedon, Carol Emerson (Nancy Herzig's sister), John Funchion, Fran and Arnold Gellman (Tina Olsen), Godshall family (Liz Allyn), Dennis Carr Hannifin (Sally Carr's son), Olivia Howard (Ky Byrne's cousin), Pat Lowell, Rick Martin (Ruth Adotte), Patty Minton (Maresi Brown's mother), Lynn and Rich Reifsnyder, Abby Rockwood (Olsen family friend), Bobbi Sue & Ira Root, Mark Scarbrough, Laura Smith (Missionary in Venezuela), Ryan Sterba, Barbara Storrs (Debbie Storrs), Rob Thew, Sue Ellen Thomas (Pastor Erick's sister), Dennis Watlington (Tim Hitchcock), Judi Welch, Keegan Zygmunt

**Those who are grieving: the families of:**

Denis Combes, Ernest Dibble, George Green, Judy Green, Jackie Hamad, Harold King, Karen Linden, Will Minton, John Murphy, Avery Nelson, Elizabeth Norman, Bill Patrick, Sally Quale, Constance Rotondo, Thatcher Rupert, Mary Sager, Dottie Satherlie, Carrie Stetson, Chris Williams, and the Cornwall UCC

**In the wider community**

The people of Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, Venezuela, Syria, Iran, Africa and all enduring ongoing violence, the people of Jamaica struggling to rebuild after Hurricane Melissa, our Canadian neighbors who have been impacted by wildfires, *UCC Venezuela Earthquake Relief*