

Welcome to Church of Christ - September 13, 2026

Sixteenth 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

~Linda Bell

Call to Worship

~Tina Olsen

Leader: Oh, let us sing to God forever!

Let us sing hymns to God as long as we live!

People: What a wildly wonderful world, God!

You made it all, with Wisdom at your side,

And made the Earth overflow with your wonderful creations.

Leader: Oh, look—the deep, wide sea, brimming with fish past counting,
sardines and sharks and salmon.

**People: Ships plow those waters, and Leviathan,
your pet dragon, romps in them.**

Leader: All the creatures look expectantly to you to give them their meals on time.

**People: Send out your Spirit and we spring to life
—the whole countryside in bloom and blossom.**

All: Oh, let us sing to God forever;
let us sing hymns to God as long as we live!

Hymn 16 *The God of Abraham Praise*

(Worship and Rejoice)

Vs 1 The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above; the ancient of eternal days, the God of love! The Lord, the great I Am, by earth and heaven confessed, we bow before your holy name, forever blest.

Vs 2 Your Spirit still flows free, high surging where it will; in prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still. Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand, deep writ upon the human heart, on sea or land.

Vs 3 You have eternal life implanted in the soul; your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll. We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name; who was, who is, and is to be, for-e'er the same!

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.

Scripture Romans 14:1-10 ~Tina Olsen

Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God. For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

Sermon "Living to the Lord"

Hymn *Take My Life and Let It Be*

Please remain seated:

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my love, my God, I pour at the feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Light of Service *Fishes and Loaves* ~Randy Chapell

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 *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* ~Linda Bell

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 621 *For the Healing of the Nations* *(Worship and Rejoice)*

Vs 1 For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord, for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords. To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

Vs 2 Lead your people into freedom, from despair your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how, through care and goodness, fear will die and hope increase.

Vs 3 All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned; pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.

Vs 4 You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind; for our growing in your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind; that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

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

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, Bill Eckert, 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), Edie

Bruckner, Ron and Rev. Karen Burger (Gary Boucher), Leigh Cappabianca (Missionary in Turkey), Jan Caudle (Nels White's sister), Elana Chafetz (Tina Olsen), Hope Childs, Bob Cranz (Emily King), Lisa Dedon, Carol Emerson (Nancy Herzig), 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), the Martin family (Linda Deloy), David McAlister (Heather Thomson), Patty Minton (Maresi Brown's mother), Lynn and Rich Reifsnyder, Abby Rockwood (Olsen family friend), Bobbi Sue & Ira Root, 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:

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, Jewish synagogues and communities under attack, all enduring ongoing violence, the people of Jamaica struggling to rebuild after Hurricane Melissa, our Canadian neighbors who have been impacted by wildfires, the people of Nepal who have been devastated by flooding, all women and men serving in the armed forces, Fishes and Loaves