

The flowers on the altar this morning are dedicated to the glory of God and given

in honor of Fred & Janet Dodson on their 67th wedding anniversary by their children.

Service Music—Summer Choir

Anthem Lyrics—*From An Upper Room*—Joseph Martin

On the night He was betrayed, Jesus took the bread and wine.
Gathered with the twelve, He prayed, giving to all a sacred sign.

Take and eat this bread. This is my body. Come and drink this wine. It is my blood, shed for you.

In a shadowed upper room, in that humble sacred space
Jesus opened up His heart, pouring out God's gift of grace.

Take and eat this bread. This is my body. Come and drink this wine. It is my blood, shed for you.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood.
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful, His own blood for heav'nly food.

Take and eat this bread. This is my body. Come and drink this wine. This is my blood.
This is my love. This is my life given for you.

Music: One License A-731491

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Sunday Worship Service and Live-streaming at 9:30 am.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

September 1, 2024

GATHERING

The people of God come together in the Lord's name.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude —*Prelude In C Minor*—Louis Vierne

Call to Worship

Summer wanes and the autumn draws close.

Lord, help us to be ready for opportunities of service.

Come, let us celebrate God's eternal presence and love.

Let us open our spirits to receive God's direction for our lives. AMEN.

Opening Hymn 368** —*My Hope Is Built*

Invocation

Lord of mercy and abundant love, we have gathered here this day to hear your healing words of compassion and to be transformed by your love. Help us to become more faithful servants in our thoughts, words, and deeds. It is in Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages.

God's Word for Young Disciples

Anthem —*From An Upper Room*—Joseph Martin

Scripture Reading —John 21:15-19

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon — *"Third Time's the Charm"*

Pastor Howard Pippin

RESPONSE

The People of God respond to the Word.

Hymn of Response 377** —*It Is Well with My Soul*

Offertory—*Berceuse*— Louis Vierne

Doxology**

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 the People/The Lord's Prayer

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, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Communion (Hymnal p. 13)

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve other and witness to their faith.

Closing Hymn 369** —*Blessed Assurance*

Benediction and Choral Response — (Hymn 668)

Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus. Send us to our homes with God's love in our hearts. Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties. Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of thee.

Postlude —*Finale from Symphony 1* —Louis Vierne

**Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

Hymn 368, My Hope Is Built

1. My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When Darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.

In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

(Refrain)

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood
supports me in the whelming flood.

When all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.

(Refrain)

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found!

Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne!

(Refrain)

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 377, It Is Well with My Soul

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should
come,

let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

(Refrain)

3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!

My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

(Refrain)

4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be
sight,

the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul.

(Refrain)

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn 369, Blessed Assurance

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

(Refrain)

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

(Refrain)

BENEDICTION & RESPONSE

Hymn 668, Let Us Now Depart In Thy Peace

1. Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus.
Send us to our homes
with God's love in our hearts.
Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties.
Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of thee.
Amen.

CHURCH NOTES

Men's Time Out: will meet on Saturday, September 7 from 8:30-9:30 in Asbury Hall. All men are invited to join us for food, discussion, and lots of fellowship!

Rally Sunday is next Sunday!: This will mark our return to regular worship hours at 8:30am and 10:45am with Sunday School in-between. We'll bless backpacks and present bibles at the 10:45am worship service (if you have a 2nd grade+ student who hasn't received a bible yet please contact Donna Curfman). **There will be a celebration potluck at noon. Please bring a dish to share.**

Cruise In Fundraiser for Church Square: Join our friends from the Church Square in a weekly BBQ fundraiser at the Cruise In! The funds will be used for Christmas decorations for the Church Square. We are looking for volunteers for two shifts 2:30-4:30, 4:30-8:00pm. Please contact Donna Stockman at 330 836 8500 with questions. Use the QR code to sign up.



Help Needed for Fall: Can you help with infants-age 3? We need volunteers for childcare during the Sunday School hour beginning in September. Contact Donna Curfman for more information! Sue Boltz is looking for a team teacher for the High School/Post class this fall. Contact Sue 330-928 -8635 if you can help.

Epworth Youth: for youth in grades 7-12, will meet Sunday, September 8 @4:00pm. Parents will receive a packet at drop off that will be due the next week. A parent meeting will be scheduled for a later date.

Sunday School: S.S. classes for adults, youth, and children, as well as Confirmation Class, will begin next Sunday at 9:30am. If you have any questions please contact Donna Curfman or Pastor Pippin.

R.O.C.K. Begins September 11! (ages pre-school-6th grade)

Bells rehearsal will start at 4:30 p.m.

Bethlehem and Wesley Choir rehearsals will start at 5:00 p.m.

ROCK activities will run from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

(Note: Children will be served a small snack, but there will be no dinner served.)

Activities will include a Bible Story and activities, Crafts, Missions, Knitting, Science and more, TBA. These will vary each week. The complete schedule and special events will be available at the *Parent Meeting* on the first night – September 11 @6:00 p.m.

Church Square Picnic: On Sunday, Sept. 15, please join our friends on the Church Square for a picnic at noon in our adjoining lawns behind the churches! Food arrangements of behalf of UMC have already been made; just bring yourself, your family and friends. Donations will be accepted for Christmas décor for the Church Square.

HELP Fund & First Church Feeds: With food prices on the rise we have seen an increase in requests for food cards and groceries. If you're able to help with monetary donations, please mark your check or envelope so it goes to the correct account. Thank you for your consideration.

Save Your Acme Receipts: for the 2025 Henderson Settlement Workcamp Crew. Any intact receipt with *Community Cashback* printed at the bottom dated from August 1, 2025-February 15, 2025 is valid. You can place your receipts in the container on the Welcome Center or drop them off at the church office.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Scott Adie

Bob Ahonen

Joanne Ames

Debbie Amundsen

Mary Ellen Atwood

Dorothy Bates

Mark & Cindy Blaser

Jim Evans

Mary Griest

Jim Henes

Jeff Iula

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Kristopher Lewis

Delphia Lowe

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Becky Petty

Cathy Poremba

Sandi Robinson

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Kelly Toppin

Ken Tunstall

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OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS

Family of member, Diane Syfer on her death on 8/17