A nursery is available on the First Floor for infants and children under 3 years.

After Children's Time, preschool through 5th grade is invited to **Children's Church** in the Children's Wing.

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Hattie Haulbrook by Betsy Bell Jones.

Prayer Requests: Beth Brewer, Gary Brewer, Dan Buckner, Tim Durham, HJ Fleming, Matt Gilley, Tony Green, Cathy Hanks, David Holder, Toni Holder, Patti Moran, Rita Petoskey, Tracie Powell-Wilkin, Beverly Rakestraw, Andrew Reitzel, Jerry Reitzel, Maxine Reynolds, Linda Seifert, Scott Smith, Ann Towery, Shelley Winkler

Week of September 14

Worship Attendance	170
Gifts to Budget	$12,664
Goal per Week	$15,883
Year-to-date Budget Goal	$587,685
Year-to-date Budget Received	$342,539

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Church Office Hours
Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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September 21, 2025 **15th Sunday after Pentecost**

11:00 AM Worship Service

Prelude *"I Will Call Upon The Lord"* arr. Joanne LeDoux

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship
Leader: We gather to worship the one true Master.
People: Our hearts belong to God alone.
Leader: With open hands and open hearts, we serve.
People: God's kingdom comes first in our lives.
Leader: Let every word and deed be an offering to the Lord.
People: We give all that we are to Christ.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"* UMH 64

*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* UMH 881

*Gloria Patri UMH 71

*Psalter Reading *Psalm 130* UMH 848

Offering

Offertory *"I Worship You"* Cindy Berry

*Doxology *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH 95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Time

Hymn of Preparation *"Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us"* UMH 331
During the hymn, you are invited to the altar to join the pastor in assuming a posture of prayer. All are welcome.

Prayers of the People
Leader: The Lord be with you.
Response: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.

Anthem *"In Your House, O Lord"* arr. David Wingate
Sanctuary Choir

Gospel Reading Luke 16: 1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were
brought to him that this man was squandering his property. 2 So he summoned him and said
to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management
because you cannot be my manager any longer.' 3 Then the manager said to himself, 'What
will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to
dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4 I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as
manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' 5 So, summoning his master's debtors
one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6 He answered, 'A hundred
jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' 7 Then he
asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He
said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' 8 And his master commended the dishonest
manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in
dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. 9 And I tell you, make friends
for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you
into the eternal homes. 10 "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and
whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. 11 If, then, you have not been
faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? 12 And if you have
not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? 13 No
slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be
devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Sermon *"Undivided Allegiance"* Rev. Brad Gray

*Hymn *"Jesus Calls Us"* UMH 398

*Benediction

*Postlude *"Let My People Seek Their Freedom"* Thomas Williams

**Please stand as able*