August 30, 2026
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude **"What A Day That Will Be"** **Genie**

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

One: Listen! God is calling!
All: Can you hear it?
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All: Calling us to turn away from self-interest; to put down the things that distract us; to take up our cross and follow.
One: Can you hear it?
All: Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.

***Hymn** **"Lift High the Cross"** **UMH 159**

***Opening Prayer**

Lord, we have gathered here today to hear your word for us. We marvel at the witness of Moses who received your call to liberate your enslaved people. We also struggle with the issues of safety and security that plagued Peter when Jesus set his sights on entering Jerusalem. Be with us this day, guiding our spirits and opening our hearts to hear your forgiveness and call to us. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN

***Passing of the Peace**

***Hymn** **"Be Thou My Vision"** **UMH 451**

Prayer for Illumination

Pour your Light, Holy Spirit of God, into our hearts and minds. Help us to know more clearly and grasp more fully the Good News of Jesus. And help us then to know how to share it. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who with You and the Father, are One God. Amen.

***Scripture Reading: Matthew 16: 21-28** **Julie**

[You are invited to rise if able for the reading and hearing of the Gospel.]

Sermon **"Accepting Jesus' Call"** **Rev. Mary K. Dadisman**

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

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory **"Somebody Bigger Than You And I"** **Genie**

***Doxology** **UMH 95**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn** **"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"** **TFWS 2129**

***Announcements**

***Benediction**

Postlude

Worship has ended – now Service begins

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS - The Faith We Sing
**Please stand as you are able*
The Offering plates are located on the tables at the back of the Sanctuary.

Welcome to St. John's UMC!

We pray that you experience the love, joy, and peace of Christ this morning. If you are new, please sign the guest card located in each pew. We want to welcome you and know that you worshiped with us this morning. May God's love refresh and inspire you today and always. We are here for you.

Known Prayer Joys and Concerns

Landy, Buck, Gary, Tommy, Reed (Mike and Kitty's son-in-law), Dawn's brother Keith, Betty O., and Jerry V. Jr. Please pray for everyone going back to school, the flooding in Nepal, those affected by flooding and forest fires. Please call or email the church office with your prayer concerns and or joys. We will update and share the information.

Announcements

- **Covered Dish Luncheon & Yard Sale Help** There will be a covered dish luncheon on Sunday, September 6, immediately following the morning service. Everyone is invited! After the meal, we will be moving the yard sale donations from upstairs to the Fellowship Hall. We would greatly appreciate help from anyone who is able to assist. We hope you'll join us for lunch and fellowship!
- Mark your calendars! **The Annual Yard & Bake Sale** will be on Friday September 11th, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday September 12th, 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Upcoming Events

September 6 Covered Dish Luncheon (Fellowship Hall) following morning service.
September 8 Finance Committee meeting 5 p.m.
September 11 Yard Sale 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
September 12 Yard Sale 8 a.m. - noon (Fellowship Hall)
September 15 Council Meeting 5 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
September 17 Bible Study with Jane 6 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
September 20 Cakes for The Community Table
September 27 Church in the Glen Maury Park (Oyler Pavilion) 10 a.m.

Birthdays Sept. 1 Frankie * Sept. 2 Becky P. * Sept. 9 McKayla

Worship Volunteers

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