



SAINT MARY'S

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Founded 1762

Welcome!

Cultivating wonder.
Growing in Christ.
Renewing our communities.

Order of Worship

August 16, 2026 | 10:30 am

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER

Welcome

Prelude

Wayfaring Stranger
-arr. Brent Edstrom

You are invited to use the time before service to prepare your heart and mind for worship through prayer and reflection. We kindly ask that all cell phones and media devices be silenced.

*Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you!

Give thanks to God!

We thank God for joy, for laughter, for abundant blessings of every kind.

Give thanks to God at all times and for everything!

We thank God, when we can and as we can, for struggles, for solitude, for fears.

Give thanks to God at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We thank God that, in Christ, our joys as well as our pain,

our losses as well as our laughter,

are in God's heart and hands.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen!

*Hymn #403 (NCH)

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of the godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of this redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship Liturgy
Throughout the worship liturgy, you are invited to respond with all of the words in bold.

***Asterisk indicates**
please rise in
body or spirit

Hearing Assist Devices

Headphones and receivers are available in the tech booth.

WE HEAR

Old Testament: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

(pg. 686)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Epistle: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

(pg. 160)

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

(pg. 17)

***Gospel Response** (*Gloria Patri*)

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

Sermon:

Mrs. Diane Flickinger

*** Hymn #427 (NCH)**

God Made from One Blood

Thanks to the
following for assisting
with service today:

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WE RESPOND

Pastoral Prayer

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 debts as we forgive 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.**

Presentation of Offering

*If you'd like to support the mission and work of St. Mary's,
you may give using the QR code or place cash or a check
in the offering plate at the welcome table in the vestry.*



*Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*Offertory Prayer

**O God who is Love, may these gifts - some large and some small, some
given with ease and others given with sacrifice - serve as symbols of our
deep desire for your Love to transform our time, effort, and substance
into works of creative compassion for each other, for our wider
community, and for the world beyond, through this church. Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

*Hymn #397 (NCH)

Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers

*Benediction

*Three-fold Amen

Announcements

*Postlude

Prayer on 'Surrender'

-arr. Rachel Carr

Sunday Mornings

9:15 am - Sunday School
will resume in the Fall
10:30am - Hybrid In-Person
and Online Worship

Church Staff

Rev. Sam Chamelin: *Pastor*
Jane Sharpe: *Choir Dir.*
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Accompanist
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Pastoral Emergencies

For pastoral concerns
please call the church
office 410-346-7977

Prayer Requests:

To submit a prayer
request, scan the QR
code with your phone,
submit a request via the
Church Center app, or
call the church office.



Church Office Hours

Mondays &
Wednesdays
9am - 2pm
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