



**August 24, 2025 ~ 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

\*please stand as you are able

*Have you checked in for worship today on the Church Center app? Please remember to also **sign** the Friendship pads in the pews and greet those seated near you. **NOTE: Worship announcements begin at 8:55 a.m.***

**Welcome & Work of God's People**

Rev. Stuart Spencer

### Way of the Week #21: You're Sent, Now Go

**21. YOU'RE SENT, NOW GO.** We're blessed to be a blessing. God intends to use you to bless, heal, restore, and liberate a dark and hurting world. We're here for others: in our families and our community and in the world. Go to the need. Live missionally.

### Collect Prayer (unison)

**You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go, God is sending you. Wherever you are, God has put you there. God has a purpose in your being there. Christ lives in you and has something he wants to do through you where you are. Believe this and go in the grace and love and power of Jesus Christ.**

- By Richard Halverson, former chaplain of the US Senate

### Music in Preparation for Worship

***Andante Tranquillo***

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Stanford

### \* Call to Worship (Responsive)

Elder Pam Engle

Open our eyes, Lord, to your gifts this day:

**air in our lungs, a hand to hold onto bread on our table.**

Lead us, Lord, to our work this day:

**singing your praise, resting our souls and sharing our bread**

This is the day the Lord has made

**this is the day we have been given let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Come, my dear friends, and let us worship God!

## \* Prayer of Adoration

Elder Engle

## \* Hymn No. 320

***Come, Let Us Praise the Lord***

## Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Engle

Almighty God, You ask us to take courageous steps of faith. We want to follow You, but when the way is unknown, we often hold back. Sometimes we are afraid. Other times we would rather stay in control, thinking we know better than You. Forgive us for choosing to rely on our own understanding instead of Your wisdom. Shepherd us, O Lord, especially when we are faced with burdens we would not have chosen. Comfort us, and remind us that You are always with us. Through Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.

*(Silence for our personal prayers of confession)*

## Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Elder Engle

In the strong and certain name of our Savior Jesus, I declare that your sins and mine are fully forgiven. You are set from the power of evil. Go, love and serve God and your neighbor. Rejoice! We're forgiven!  
**We will trust and not doubt the Gospel, the good news. We are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.**

## \* Gloria Patri

## Moment for Mission

Rev. Mark Budka

## Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer ('debts')

Rev. Spencer

## Offertory



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## Offertory Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

***How Great Thou Art***

Alivia Nawrocki, Soprano

Swedish Folk Song

## \* Doxology No. 809

## Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

***"The Pilgrim Way"***

Scripture: Psalm 84: 1-12 (Pew Bible OT p. 543)

Sermon Series: *What I Did on my Sabbatical*

\* **Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed**

Inside Hymnal Cover

\* **Hymn No. 60**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

**Music in Preparation for Service**

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

*If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee (Hymn #636)*

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\* **Benediction**

Rev. Spencer

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**Worship flowers** are given to the glory of God.

**9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry**

**Beadle:** Elder Pam Engle; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** TBD; **Ushers:** Steve Shaffer, Patrick McIlroy, Steve Emerson; **Flower Arrangers:** Fran Green and Karen Mason; **Trustee Greeter:** Jeff Mason; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Nancy Bender; **Deacon Greeters/Welcome Centers:** Deacons Karen Hynoski and Rachel Long; **Bagel Pickup:** Kathy McIlroy or Bob Plant; **Coffee Hospitality:** Kathy McIlroy and Bob Plant; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum



**Kickoff Sunday Launches New Program Year**

Our 2025-2026 programming year officially gets underway on **Sunday, Sept. 7** as we welcome everyone back after busy summers to begin another event-filled year in ministry.

Come listen to a special presentation 10:15-11:00 AM (Fellowship Hall) about all that’s planned this year!

## Work of God's People (See *Connections*, eblast, website and Church Center app for details)

**Worship Sunday, August 31 – 9:30 AM** combined for Labor Day holiday. No nursery care on combined worship Sundays. **Sabbatical Presentation** – *Following worship*, Stuart Spencer will present a review of his 16-week sabbatical to the congregation (Fellowship Hall).

**Holiday Schedule** -- The office will be CLOSED **Monday, September 1** for the Labor Day holiday.

**Summer Adult Spiritual Formation** - “Drop In and Discuss” (Lounge) – Stop in Sunday mornings this summer to discuss the day's sermon text. We will gather in the Lounge from 10:15-11:00-ish am. Get your coffee and drop in. Who is on the Hot Seat this week? ---- engaging NEW adult classes this fall: [Jonah: The Reluctant Prophet](#) and [2 to 1 Couples Class](#) begin **Sunday, Sept. 14**. Come learn about them on Kickoff Sunday Sept. 7.

- **Choirs begin in September** --- Regardless of age, skill level, or spiritual affiliation, there's a spot for everyone in our graded choral system, Handbell Choir or Praise Band. Under the seasoned guidance of **Kathy Gunsallus, Nicole Snodgrass, Linda Lockart and Wes Allen**, singers will delve into the scriptural content and apply it in real life. Weekly rehearsals begin the week of Sept. 8-12; and you do not have to be a member of the church to join. The weekly Music program is free. Let your voice be heard! We can't wait to meet you. Visit our [Church Center event page](#) for details.

**We're back!** [K-12 weeknight fellowship groups](#) begin the week of **Wed. Sept. 17**. Learn more about Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone, Middle School Youth Group, and High School Youth Group and [REGISTER online](#) please.

**NEW: Fall Prayer Retreat October 14-17** ([see event page or website to register](#) by **Sept. 21**; Stuart Spencer leads. Study Book: *World Turned Upside Down: The Psalms and the Spirituality of Pain – Finding a Way Through*; Holy Cross Monastery (West Park, NY).

[The Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden](#) welcomes harvesters. Just show up in the evening (Sundays, Wednesdays and/or Fridays) from 7:00 – 8:00 pm-ish to pick the produce and store it in the church kitchen. The produce grows through Sept./Oct. so come on out! Contact: Leslie Spencer.

**NEW: Saturday Morning Breakfasts begin in September** -- Jump into FALL! The Prayer Committee invites everyone to come for a delicious breakfast on **Saturday, Sept. 13th** at 9:00 AM. We will welcome Pastor Stuart as our kickoff speaker following a delicious breakfast of eggs, sausage, bacon, pancakes and more! He will speak about the importance of prayer in his life and his ministry. These monthly breakfasts on the second Saturday will include guest speakers and teachers. PLEASE mark your calendars and plan to attend. Look for signup sheets in the Narthex, Welcome Desk in Commons Lobby and [online](#).

**Crud Wars is coming!** This fun event is our traditional kick off for students in middle school (grades 7, 8) and high school youth groups (grades 9-12). Come for an incredibly cruddy and messy set of games on **Sunday, Sept. 14**. We will meet in the field next to the main parking lot. Wear clothes you don't care about. [SIGN UP online](#).

**Couples' Retreat in Cape May, NJ October 17-19** -- We will be staying once again at The Dormer House, a quaint Victorian bed and breakfast. Cost of \$450 per couple includes breakfast, two nights, group sessions with Dr. Paul Booker, and dinner on Saturday. See full details on our [event page](#). **Must be paid in full by October 6**.

**Would you like to donate altar flowers** this year in honor or memory of loved ones? We have several openings. Contact Jan in the church office.