

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an immigrant, the land of Canaan. **Genesis 37:1**

Remember the wonderful works God has done. **Psalms 105:5**

For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” **Romans 10:13**

Immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” **Matthew 14:27**

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Patti McCarthy

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**Accompanist**  
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**To Our Guests**  
We are glad you are with us. Please sign the guest book by the front door and fill in a visitor’s card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

**THE FONT OF IDENTITY**

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**Introit 48 (2x)**  
*Rain down; rain down;  
rain down your love on your people.  
Rain down; rain down;  
rain down your love, God of life.*

**Proclamation**  
In life and death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, whom alone we worship and serve.

**Baptismal Blessing**

**\*Hymn 175**  
“Seek Ye First”

**Prayer for Wholeness** (see insert)

**Response 437 (2x)**  
*You are the Lord, giver of mercy!  
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!  
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!*

**Declaration of Grace and Gratitude**

**\*Response 590**  
*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.*

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Blessing the World**  
Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia

**Response 486, v. 1**  
*Child of blessing, child of promise,  
baptized with the Spirit’s sign,  
with this water God has sealed you,  
unto love and grace divine.*

**First Pew**

**Response 486, v. 2**  
*Child of love, our love’s expression,  
love’s creation, loved indeed!  
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits;  
into joy and laughter lead.*

**Welcome and Parish Life**

**THE WORD OF HOPE**

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**Reading**

**Interlude**

**Lesson**  
Jeremiah 29:11-14

**Sermon**  
“Best Laid Plans”

**\*Hymn 39**  
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

**THE BREAD OF LIFE**

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**Prayers for Others**

**Offering Our Gifts**

**Offertory**

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**\*Acclamation**  
With believers in every time and place  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus, our Lord

**\*Sending 547, v. 1**  
*“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”*

**\*Postlude**

The Camino gives you what you need, not what you seek.

**Posted along the Camino de Santiago**

\*Please rise in body and spirit.

**Prayer for Wholeness**  
Based on Proverbs 16

**Lesson Translation**  
New Revised  
Standard Version,  
Updated Edition

**Reading**  
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**Nineteenth Sunday**  
Ordinary Time

**August 9, 2026**  
11:00 a.m.

**Sunday, August 9**

*Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 1 Kings 19:9-18 Psalm 85:8-13 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33*

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary / Zoom

Sunday Studio Summer Program – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

**Monday, August 10**

Church Office Hours 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Tuesday, August 11**

Church Office Hours 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Wednesday, August 12**

Church Office Hours 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Thursday, August 13**

7:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting – Fellowship Hall / Zoom

**Friday, August 14**

7:00 p.m. Appalachian Chamber Music Festival – Sanctuary

**Sunday, August 16**

*Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133 Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28*

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary

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**Office Note:** Lynn Dampman will be out of the office through August 12 working from home. Church office hours during this time will be 10 am – 2 pm. as volunteers will serve in Lynn’s absence. Lynn can be contacted through email for congregational needs.

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**A Prayer of Unknowing**

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself,

and the fact that I think I am following Your will

does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please You

does in fact please You.

And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do

anything apart from that desire.

And I know that, if I do this,

You will lead me by the right road,

though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore I will trust You always

though I may seem to be lost

and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for You are ever with me,

and You will never leave me

to face my perils alone.

**Thomas Merton**

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