

Prayer Concerns

+Family of Soula Mallias, neighbor of the church	Barb B.
*Donald, raised in worship	*Zach, Kris H.'s friend
Barb S.	Bill and Marilyn R.
Michelle W.	

*=1 week °=2 weeks +=3 weeks *=4 weeks on prayer list

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

7/28 Jane Burnett

Today's Worship Leaders

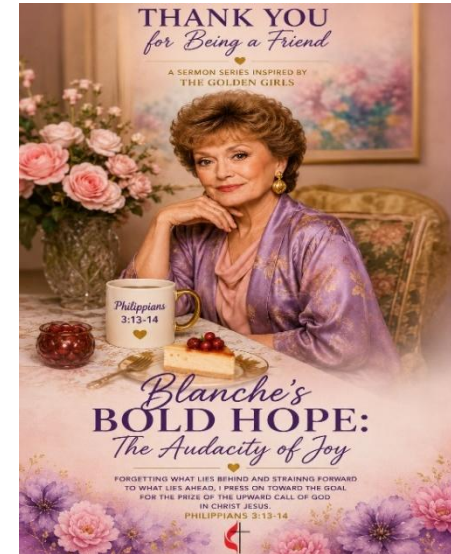
Pastor: Tennille Power
 Organist: Javier Gonzalez
 Liturgist: Barb Clough
 Greeters: Barb Andrews, Greg Lavelle
 Usher: Liz Lavelle
 Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



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Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 26, 2026 11:00 am

Processional/Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

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David Lasky

*Call to Worship

Barb Clough

L: Come, people of God! Leave yesterday in God's hands and step into the promise of today.

P: We come trusting the God who is always making all things new.

L: Though life has brought seasons of joy and seasons of sorrow,

P: God has remained faithful through them all.

L: When the world tells us our best days are behind us,

P: God reminds us that a new thing is already springing forth.

L: Forget what lies behind and press toward what lies ahead.

P: We will walk forward in faith, hope, and holy expectation.

L: Come, let us worship the God of resurrection, new beginnings, and abundant life!

All: With joyful hearts, we celebrate the God who is not finished with us yet! Amen.

***Unison Prayer**

Gracious and ever-faithful God, We come before You today with grateful hearts, celebrating the gift of new mercies that greet us each morning. Thank You for walking with us through every season of life; for the moments of celebration and the valleys of sorrow, for the dreams fulfilled and the dreams yet to come. Today You remind us that our story is still being written. You are the God who opens new doors, breathes new life into weary hearts, and calls us forward with hope. When we are tempted to dwell on yesterday, lift our eyes toward the future You are preparing. When fear whispers that it is too late, remind us that Your grace is always right on time. Fill this space and place with the joy that comes from trusting You. Let our worship renew our spirits, strengthen our faith, and awaken within us the courage to embrace every new season You have prepared. May all that we do today bring glory to Your name. Through Jesus Christ, who makes all things new, we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Proverbs 3: 21-25
New Testament Reading Philippians 3: 13-14

Hymn *Hymn of Promise* UMH 707

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Responsive Prayer

L: God of hope, You are always creating new beginnings.

P: We trust the future You are preparing for us.

L: When disappointment tries to define us,

P: Your grace reminds us that our story is not over.

L: When grief weighs heavily upon our hearts,

P: Your joy gives us strength for another day.

L: When fear keeps us looking backward,

P: Give us courage to press forward in faith.

L: Teach us to celebrate every season of life.

P: For every season is held in Your loving hands.

L: Fill us with holy confidence.

P: Not confidence in ourselves, but confidence in the God who goes before us.

L: May our lives become testimonies of hope.

P: May our joy point others to Jesus Christ.

All: God of resurrection and new beginnings, help us to live boldly, love deeply, and trust You completely, for our greatest days are always found in Your purpose. Amen.

Special Music *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*
Anonymous, arr. Lloyd Larson
Javier Gonzalez, Piano

Offering Invitation

***Doxology** UMH 94

***Prayer for the Offering**
(Online giving available at noumc.org. Click on “Donate” tab.)

***Lord’s Prayer**

Hymn *The Summons* TFWS 2130

Sermon “Blanche’s Bold Hope: The Audacity of Joy”
Pastor Tennille Power

***Closing Hymn** *This is a Day of New Beginnings* UMH 383

***Benediction/Recessional**

Postlude *Thank You for Being a Friend*
(Theme from “Golden Girls”) Andrew Gold
(You are invited to be seated for the Postlude before exiting the Sanctuary.)