



Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, September 6, 2026

15th Sunday after Pentecost, 9:00 am

Please silence your cell phone.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

+WELCOME

Rev. Lisa Chase

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Fall Faire

Megan Crompton

MUSIC FOR ADORATION

“Meditation from Thais”

arr. Parks

+*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Henderson

L: O, give thanks to the Lord for he is good!

P: We praise the Lord for his abundant grace and mercy.

L: Make known his deeds among the peoples!

P: We will extol God's mighty works from one generation to another!

L: In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

ALL: Let us worship God!

+*HYMN #610

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Dan Henderson

Gracious God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind and strength, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. In Jesus' name, we pray.
(Continue in Silent Reflection & Confession)

KYRIE—HYMN # 551

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

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***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Dan Henderson

- L: Hear the good news of the Gospel! Even when we were dead through our trespasses, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive through Christ.
- P: **Out of God's great love for us, we have been saved by grace through faith, and this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God!**
- L: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
- ALL: Alleluia, amen!**

+*RESPONSE TO PARDON #435

**There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in His justice
which is more than liberty.**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Austin Shoop

FIRST READING

Psalm 119:33-40

Dan Henderson

SECOND READING

Matthew 16:1-5, 10-14

Rev. Dr. Don Wahlig

SERMON

"The Path to the Kingdom, Part 1:
Childlike Greatness"

Rev. Dr. Wahlig

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Panis Angelicus-C. Franck,
Lisa Chase and Jose Venereo

arr. Sobieska

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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...Our Savior invites all who trust in him to share this feast which he has prepared.

HYMN #507

“Come to the Table of Grace” verse 1

Capo 3: (D) (A) (Bm) (D7/A) (G)
F C Dm F7/C B^b

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) (D) (A) (D) (Em)
C F C F Gm

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/A) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
F/A B^b F/C C7 F B^b F

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

THE INVITATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Great is the mystery of faith:

553 Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G)(A) (D) (A) (D/F#)(F#m)
F C F B^b C F C F/A Am

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)
B^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

CLOSING PRAYER

601

Amen



TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Scott Pepperman

*Doxology, Hymnal #606 “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.

SENDING IN THE SPIRIT

*HYMN #65

“Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Wahlig

*MUSICAL RESPONSE #541, v.1

**God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd’s care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.**

* PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Wahlig

L: Now, as those who know God’s peace in Jesus Christ, let us share his peace with one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

P: And also with you!

L: Please greet one another with signs of Christ’s peace.

*POSTLUDE

“Jubilant Ringing”

Lehery

**Please rise in body and/or spirit*

+Latecomers will be seated



Hearing-assist devices are located at each entrance of the Meeting House.

To assist those who for some reason must leave the sanctuary during the worship service, a video-camera link broadcasts the service to the Chapel.

The chancel flowers are given by Dale Darkes
in loving memory of his brother, 2nd Lt. Dean David Darkes.

The window flowers are given in loving memory of Rose Levosky.

WE THANK THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR THEIR SERVICE THIS WEEK

Ushers: Tony Kren and Tracy Bryan **Liturgist:** Dan Henderson

Deacon Servers: Claudia Brown and Angie Katzenstein

Downtown Daily Bread September 11th: Jean Smith and Lisa Scherlinsky

WEEKLY SSPC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

The church office is closed for the Labor Day Holiday.

Sympathy

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to the Kutz and Farinelli families upon the death of Ron Kutz this week. Please keep them all in your prayers.

RALLY DAY AT SSPC! September 13th

Before and after both services, we will enjoy a time of food, fellowship, and faithfulness. If you have been wondering how you might deepen your involvement in the life and ministries of SSPC, or maybe you just want to get a sense of the breadth of activities that we undertake here in Jesus' name, this is for you! Just come and see how Christ might be calling you to be his hands and feet in a new or different way here at SSPC!

Upcoming Christian Education opportunities – go to silverspring.org and click announcements for more details on each class:

- Adult Forum and Sunday School - Room 204, 10:10 am
- Men's Bible Study – Monday, September 14th
- Monday Afternoon Bible Study - September 14th
- Intergenerational Choir, Youth Church and Pre-K/K Youth Church will resume on September 20th.
- Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study will reconvene in the fall

Circle Rebekah – Thursday, September 10th

Another year of Bible study and fellowship begins! Bible Study is from 1:00 – 2:00 in Room 204, led by Kathy Henderson. Gather at noon in the Parlor with your sack lunch for lively conversation, or arrive at 12:30 to enjoy a dessert prepared by Elizabeth Bentzel. This year's Presbyterian Women/Horizons Bible Study is "United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other" by Rhonda Mawhood Lee. Pickup a copy of the bible study from the church office. To join remotely there is a Zoom link; and for those without computer access we have a phone dial-in number. For a copy of our schedule and the Zoom information, contact Emily Krebs, 717-805-5778 or bekrebs@verizon.net.

Meal with a Mission - September 23rd

The next Meal with a Mission will be Wednesday, September 23rd at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will serve a simple supper followed with preparing Welcome Home Kits for Christian Churches United. The items being collected are:

Laundry Basket: rectangular, plastic, 2 bushel -- one per kit	Spray Bottle of Bathroom Cleaner – one per kit
Cleaning Buckets: 2 to 2 ½ gallon – one per kit	Cleaning Cloths/Rags (new) – two per kit
Toilet Brush – one per kit	Liquid Hand Soap – two bottles per kit
Spray Bottle of All Purpose Cleaner – one per kit	Laundry Detergent – one box or bottle per kit

Bins are located in the Gathering Place and by the Preschool for the cleaning supplies; laundry baskets and cleaning buckets can be stacked by the bins. For the Simple Supper, please sign up in the Gathering Place, or sign up through Realm.

Calling All Musically Gifted Families!

We are looking for individuals and families interested in participating in our Family Christmas Eve Service. Whether you or a family member is a vocalist, instrumentalist, or would like to be involved in another musical way, please get in touch with SSPC's Intergenerational Choir Director, Mandy Bevenour, at amandapenguin@outlook.com.

Spiritual Direction Small Group on Zoom – Keeping the Crazies out of Christmas

Pastor Lisa is designing a spiritual direction small group, which will begin October 29th, and run for four consecutive weeks on Zoom (last class in person). The class will be held Thursday afternoons from 2-3:30 pm. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place and Realm email, beginning the latter part of September. This will be a very informative, special class, where a beautiful Christmas memory will be made.

New Hope Ministries

Needs for September include: cereal, boxed helpers, and canned tuna. Items can be placed in the bin outside the Chapel. Thank you so much!

Fall Faire is coming October 24 – Important information!

Volunteer Board is up in the Gathering Place. There are many opportunities to help out and many hands are needed!

Donations accepted on Sundays AFTER the Gathering Service until 2 pm. Other days during the week, items may be dropped off between 8 am and 2 pm. If you need John's assistance, call the church office to check on his availability to help.

Donations needed: See Weekly Announcements for needs. **We are not taking small appliances, linens of any kind, books (except for Children's books – we will accept those), or glassware anymore**, but if you have a beautiful set of bone china, tools, or decorative items you want to donate, we will take those. If you are not sure, let Lisa Chase know and we will decide together!

See Weekly announcements for additional details on the following:

- MealTrain
- Lunch Bunch -September 16th
- Sight and Sound Trip – September 29th
- Handy Helpers program

Earth Care

In 2025, independent lab testing found that roughly 90% of toothpastes it examined contained detectable lead, including Crest, Colgate, Sensodyne and Tom's of Maine. Included in this are dozens of formulas marketed for children and many sold as "natural" or "green".

CORE Youth

There will be no CORE youth group this week in honor of the Labor Day holiday.

Prayers of healing and comfort:

Carol Boyer, Roxanne Dagino, Carol Gebert, Margaret Glockner, Angie Katzenstein, Pat Miller, Eliza Myers, Betsy Neilson, Chris Sebring, Bill Spoon, Ruth Stoll, Millie Swatt, Tanya Wagner, Amy Wentz, Chris Winning

Prayers for sympathy: Jeanne Farinelli, David Kutz, and all the Kutz family for the passing of Ron Kutz

Prayers for our Military Members & First Responders: Olivia Chase, Jacob Flenner, Wyatt La Pointe, Justin Ledvina, Josiah Scandle, Chloe Scott

ATTENDANCE

August 23	August 30
11 am Outdoor Worship - 103	9 am Traditional – 111 YouTube – 106
	11 am Gathering – 54 YouTube – 26
	Christian Education – 22

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Donald B. Wahlig	Senior Pastor/Head of Staff
Rev. Lisa S. Chase	Associate Pastor
Tracy Wieseman	Director of Music
Erica Ickes	Organist
Ryan Edwards	Worship Tech Specialist
Emily Cocores	Preschool Director
Austin Shoop	Youth Director
Diane G. Rabold	Business Manager
Priscilla Biller	Office Manager
John Clegg	Sexton

We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

Our Mission is to love and praise God, love and nurture our church family, and love and serve our neighbors,

through worship, prayer, fellowship, education, hands-on work, financial support and compassionate care,

in order to follow Jesus and make known the Kingdom of Heaven.

Our Vision is to be a grace-filled family of faith sharing Christ's love with all.

Our Values:

Glorify God: Glorify and praise God through discipling, sharing faith and serving with love

Show Compassion: Compassion expressed as care and concern for all

Share Hospitality: Inclusive hospitality through welcome, acceptance and fellowship

Nurture Relationships: Nurture relationships through respect, support and communication

Steward God's gifts: Faithful stewardship of all God's gifts



Soli Deo Gloria

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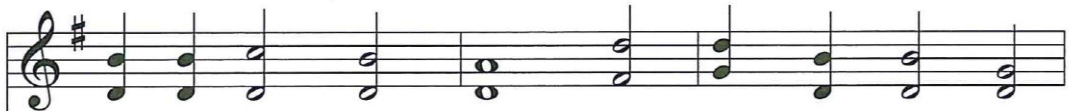
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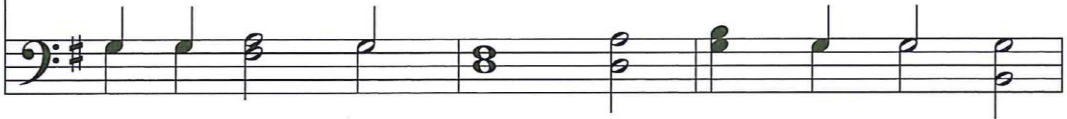
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1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be



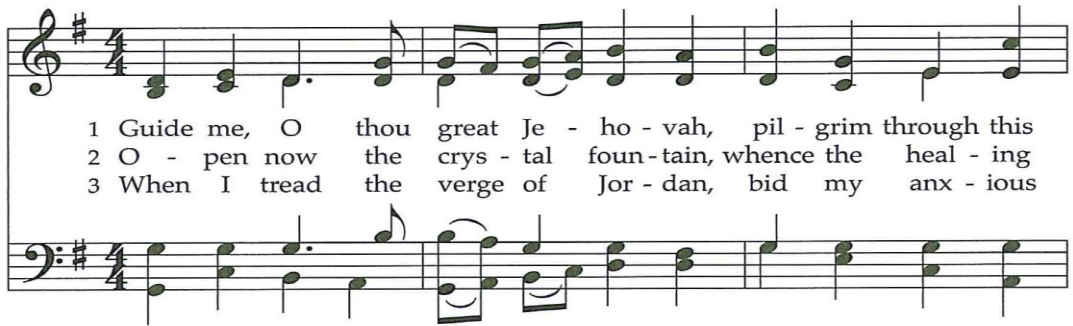
dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and



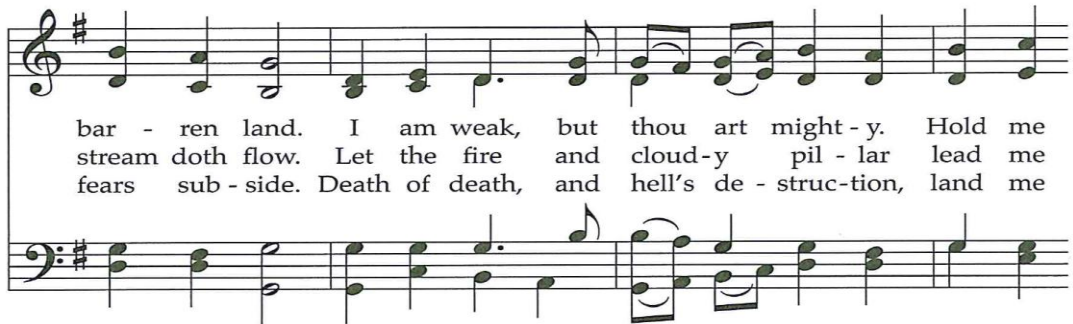
God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.



Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.