

October 4, 2026

19th Sunday after Pentecost



A Wonder-Full Life

Looking Back

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Matthew 22:15-22**



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Today's Worship Leaders
Rev. Teri Crouse, Lead Pastor
Gail Werner, Worship Leader
Dr. Andrew Crow, Director of Music
Dr. Sally Kang, Organist
Joy Bricker, Director of
Children's, Youth and Family Ministries
Sam Atkinson & Sophia Tapy-Harrison Acolytes

WE GATHER

Announcements

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Storer Memorial Carillon

Prelude

God's Time Is The Best, by J. S. Bach

Dr. Sally Kang, organ

*Processional Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Hymn #103

*Call to Worship

Gail Werner

Leader: To be full of love, to be full of grace,

All: To be full of peace, is a Wonder-Full life.

Leader: Giving others love, giving others grace,

All: Giving others peace, is a Wonder-Full life.

Leader: Celebrate God's love, which has been poured into your life!

All: We reach out and care for those around us.

Leader: Let us worship our God who is always with us.

All: Let us praise God who walks daily by our side.

*Welcome & Greeting

Pastor Teri

*Passing of the Peace

WE PROCLAIM

Children's Moment

Children are invited forward for a lesson with Pastor Teri. After the children's moment, the children are invited to return to their seats to remain in the sanctuary to share in communion today.

Anthem

A New Commandment, by Richard Hubbard

Sanctuary Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Gail Werner

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:15-22 (Common English Bible edition)

Then the Pharisees met together to find a way to trap Jesus in his words. They sent their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to him. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are genuine and that you teach God's way as it really is. We know that you are not swayed by people's opinions, because you don't show favoritism. So tell us what you think: Does the Law allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

Knowing their evil motives, Jesus replied, "Why do you test me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used to pay the tax." And they brought him a denarion. "Whose image and inscription is this?" he asked.

"Caesar's," they replied.

** Indicates congregation should stand in body or spirit*

Then he said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." When they heard this they were astonished, and they departed.

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Wonder-Full Life: Looking Back

Pastor Teri

WE RESPOND

Stewardship Moment

Mary Ann Olinger

Call to the Giving Life

Pastor Teri

Offertory

Pan De Vida, by Bob Hurd and Dominic MacAller

Aidan Clemenz & Colleen Tiernan, voice

***Doxology**

Hymn #95

***Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayer Concerns and Community Life

Gail Werner

Congregational Call to Prayer

Let Us Pray for Peace, text by Nancy Kraft

Lord, we pray for peace,

for the healing of creation.

May your truth and justice mend ev'ry breach;

may we learn to live as one.

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gail Werner

All: You have given us all things in Christ, O God, yet we withhold from you the glory and honor that are yours. We pay tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test. We cling to faded glories of the past, and are reluctant to move forward into today's realities. Forgive us, Holy One. By your grace, restore your image in us. We pray through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Brief Time of Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Leader: People of God, the Lord of all is merciful and gracious. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

All: We are reconciled to the God who loves us to live and love through Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, ...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. ...

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, ...

... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Hymn #895

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Communion

Prayer after Communion

All: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,

to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE ARE SENT FORTH

*Closing Hymn

Christ Is the World's Light

Hymn #188

*Dismissal with Blessing

Choral Benediction

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus

Sanctuary Choir

Postlude

Introduction, Choral from Suite gothique, Op. 25, by Léon Boëllmann

Dr. Sally Kang, organ

Sermon Notes:

Thank you for joining us in worship today

Church Announcements

Announcements - Announcements may be submitted at bit.ly/announcementsmunciehighstreet. They must be in by Tuesday morning.

Stewardship Letters - Letters, with Estimate of Giving cards, were sent out last week. If you haven't received yours, please let us know (contact Diana Smiley, via the church office).

Next Movie Night - Join us Friday, October 23, at 6pm in Parish Hall for the classic film, *Private Eyes*, with Don Knotts & Tim Conway. We ask an offering of \$5/person to cover the pizza, popcorn, soda, and treat served during the film.

New Member Class - We plan to hold a New Members Class on Saturday, November 7, 9am - 2pm (ish). You are not obligated to join the church if you attend the class. If you're interested in potentially joining the church or learning more about Methodism, please sign up in the church office.

Call to Generosity - There are many ways to respond to God's love through your giving:

- In-person, by placing offerings in plates as ushers come through
- Text 765/222-5007
- Online: highstreetumc.breezechms.com/give/online (or scan the QR code below)
- Set up an automatic bank withdrawal through Diana (church office)
- Drop off in person during church office hours (and say Hi! while you're here)

SNAPSHOT for Giving/Missions as of 9/27/26

Budget: \$544,554 (\$45,380/mo). Pledged: \$330,134 (\$27,511/mo).

Weekly Giving	\$3,297.00
September Income:	\$16,633.00
August Expenses as of 9/27:	\$32,533.50
Inc. YTD 2026* // Exp. YTD 2026:	\$383,124.10// \$374,484.45
YTD Mission Pantry:	\$3,306.00
YTD Mission Samaritan:	\$2,676.00

Attendance for September 27, 2026:

In-person worship: 131

Social Media views online: 106

Grand Total for Worship: 237

**Includes \$3,127.52 from a grant for the church from the Gladys Hendricks Trust,
plus two one-time extravagant gifts in February & July*



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Sunday Schedule

Coffee Bar	8:30 - 11:30 am
Bethany Class (Adult Sunday School)	8:45 am
Children's Sunday School	9:00 am
Traditional Worship Service	10:00 am
It's All About Jesus (Adult Sunday School)	11:15 am
Project 219 (Tweens/Youth)	5:00 pm

Food Pantry Needs

Beans #1 bags
Rice #1 bags
Peanut Butter 16 oz
Diced tomatoes 16 oz
Vegetables canned 16 oz