

# September 6, 2026

## 15th Sunday after Pentecost



Lessons in  
Leadership

**Conflict**

September 6, 2026 | Exodus 12:1-14; Matthew 18:15-20



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Today's Worship Leaders  
Rev. Teri Crouse, Lead Pastor  
Joy Bricker, Liturgist  
Dr. Andrew Crow, Director of Music  
Dr. Sally Kang, Organist

## WE GATHER

### Announcements

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### Storer Memorial Carillon

#### Prelude

*The Lord's My Shepherd*, arr. Jason W. Krug

Dr. Sally Kang, organ

#### \*Opening Hymn

*O God Our Help in Ages Past*, vv. 1, 3, 4, & 6

Hymn

#117

#### \*Call to Worship

Joy Bricker

Leader: Family of God, we live in a world full of conflict and division.

**All: God calls us to be a people of reconciliation.**

Leader: We live in a world full of misinformation and confusion.

**All: God calls us to be a people of truth and clarity.**

Leader: We live in a world that wants to settle disputes with harmful words and actions.

**All: God calls us to be a people who make peace through compassion and honesty.**

Leader: We live in a world that does not understand the ways of Jesus.

**All: Yet Jesus teaches us to be a people of reconciliation and peace for the good of the whole world.**

**Thanks be to God!**

#### \*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

*Let Us Pray for Peace*, by Thomas Keesecker

Sanctuary Choir

#### Prayer for Illumination

Joy Bricker

### Scripture & \*Gospel Readings (NRSV - updated edition)

Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two

doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

“This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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\*Matthew 18:15-20

“If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Lessons in Leadership: Conflict

Pastor Teri

## **WE RESPOND**

**Call to the Giving Life**

Pastor Teri

**Offertory**

*Deep River*, arr. David Kidwell

Jenny Donnelly, organ

**\*Doxology**

Hymn #95

**\*Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Prayer Concerns and Community Life**

Joy Bricker

**Congregational Call to Prayer**

*He Leadeth Me*

Hymn #128

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**All: Gracious and loving God, you lived for us, but we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us,**

**but we have not forgiven others. You have loved us, but we have not loved ourselves or one another. Forgive us, God. Help us to forgive, to live for you, and to love through Christ our Lord, 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.**

### **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**

*Lead on, O Cloud of Presence*

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**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**Choral Benediction**

*He Leadeth Me*

Sanctuary Choir

**Postlude**

*Postlude on an old Irish church melody, arr. Charles Villiers Stanford* Jenny Donnelly, organ

*Sermon Notes:*

*Thank you for joining us in worship today*

## Church Announcements

**Announcements** - Announcements may be submitted at [bit.ly/announcementsmunciehighstreet](http://bit.ly/announcementsmunciehighstreet). They must be in by Tuesday morning.

**Church Closed** - The church and church offices will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2026, in observance of Labor Day. The church will reopen on Tuesday, September 8, at 9 am (its usual time).

**Office Volunteer Needed** - We URGENTLY need a volunteer to assist in the office with the phones and door on Thursday mornings, 9am - 12:30pm. We will provide any needed training. This is a fun, low-stress environment. Please talk with Diana Smiley or Pastor Teri if you can assist us.

**Organ Concert** - Dr. Jan Bokszczanin, a Polish organist, professor and scholar, will perform a concert on Sunday, September 20, at 4 pm here in the sanctuary. Please invite friends and family to this free event.

**Project 219 Youth Group** - We're starting up again on September 13! We can't wait to get started and to see everyone again, so stay tuned for information from Ms. Joy.

**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](http://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 8/30/26

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

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Weekly Giving*                   | \$4,211.00                  |
| August Income:                   | \$23,049.90                 |
| August Expenses as of 8/30:      | \$32,265.71                 |
| Inc. YTD 2026* // Exp. YTD 2026: | \$364,141.10// \$341,947.76 |
| YTD Mission Pantry:              | \$2,971.00                  |
| YTD Mission Samaritan:           | \$2,676.00                  |

#### Attendance for August 30, 2026:

In-person worship: 128

Social Media views online: 206

Grand Total for Worship: 334

*\*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        |

### Food Pantry Needs

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