



August 23, 2026
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Like a Rock

Welcome visitors! We are glad you are here. Please join us immediately after the service downstairs in McMullen Hall for coffee and treats.

We have free childcare for ages 0-3 in our nursery, next to the gender-neutral bathroom.

While in this sacred space, please silence your cell phones.

Please hold your applause for music until the end of worship.

↑(Indicates a time when you are requested to stand in body or spirit.)

Silent Meditation

"If it weren't for the rocks in its bed, the stream would have no song." — Carl Perkins

Prelude

"Room at the Table"

Carrie Newcomer

Welcome to Worship

One: Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey,
ALL: You are welcome here.

Announcements

Ring of the Bell

Call to Worship (adapted from "Lectionary Sermons")

One: We gather to give thanks to you, O God,

All: with all our heart!

One: We will sing your praises before all creation,

All: and rejoice in your steadfast love!

One: You have created us O God, and made us in your image,

All: In you we become everything you have made us to be!

Prayer for Transformation (by Rev. Gord Waldie)

One: God you have given each of us many gifts,

All: but sometimes we cannot recognize what gift we have to share, so we hide it under a bushel.

One: God you remind us that all gifts are needed,

All: but sometimes we let ourselves be convinced that some gifts are more special than others.

One: God you call us to work, to live, to love together as parts of one body,

All: but sometimes we decide that membership in the body is limited by our understandings.

One: God, for the times we have ignored or mislabeled Your gifts, for those times we have cut another off from the body,

All: We offer words of repentance, we ask for forgiveness and grace.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Words of Grace

↑Passing of the Peace

Centering Song

"My Soul Is Welcome Here"

Daniel Nahmod

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading (Romans 12:1-8/NRSVUE)

Gospel Reading (Matthew 16:13-20/NRSVUE)

Reflection

Rev. Brent Gundlah

Call to Offering

Offering Song

"The Way It Is"

Bruce Hornsby

↑Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God for all that love has done
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the Community

- The congregation will respond to each prayerful offering with the following words: **"Together with God, we hear your prayers."**
- Today and every Sunday, you are invited to join a prayer circle in the chapel immediately after worship to share your joys and concerns aloud in the supportive company of others.

Pastoral Prayer

Jesus Prayer

**Our Creator who is in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name,
Your reign come, Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven,
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For Yours is the reign, the power, and glory for ever. Amen.**

↑Words of Mission and Benediction

Closing Song

"This Little Light of Mine"

Traditional



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Reader: Robin Dale, Slides: Dale Berreth

Video: _____, Sound: Winston Gamble

Music: Carl Adams, Mark Dazley, Eve Gee, Thomas Klassen, Jani Gamble

**Worship services at HUCC are live streamed on Facebook and YouTube.
Your presence here today is your consent to being part of that broadcast.**

Upcoming Events

All Church Camp September 11-13 at Pinecliff Lodge.

Glendale Collection every Wednesday at South entrance.

Gatherings Book group meets every Sunday at 9 am in the Chapel.

HUCC Grief Support group will be on hiatus throughout the summer.

Caring Ministry Meeting on Zoom – Thursday, August 27th at 7:00 pm.

Utah Choir Project concert on Saturday, August 29th at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

Prayer Shawl Knitting Group meets Wednesday, September 2nd at 3 pm.