



September 13, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Seventy Times Seven

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

"To err is human; to forgive, divine." - Alexander Pope

Prelude

"Prodigal Son"

Traditional

Welcome to Worship

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

Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

Call to Worship (adapted from re:Worship)

One: Praise God!

All: With all our hearts, we will praise God's holy name!

One: Praise God!

All: We will never forget all that God has done for us.

One: Praise God, all the earth — everyone, everywhere!

All: We too will praise God!

Prayer for Transformation (adapted from B.J. Beu)

Reconciling God, we would rather gossip about those who sin against us, than speak to them privately; we would rather parade our wounds for all to see, than quietly work toward forgiveness and reconciliation.

Help us choose the harder road, the road that opens possibilities for real healing, real forgiveness, and real growth in your Spirit.

Help us place the best interests of our community above our own need for public vindication. Amen.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Words of Grace

↑Passing of the Peace

Centering Song

“Oh Watch The Stars”

Traditional

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading (Exodus 15:19-31/NRSVUE)

Gospel Reading (Matthew 19:21-35/NRSVUE)

Reflection

Rev. Brent Gundlah

Call to Offering

Offering Song

“Beloved's Farewell”

Mandy Lynn Danzig

↑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

Dismissal to Sunday School

Closing Song

"Wild Birds"

Kate Macleod



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**Reader: Heather Bertotti Sarin, Slides: Martha Bale
Video: Paul Ford, Sound: Chuck Dillard
Music: Mandy Danzig and Kate MacLeod
Bell Ringer: Iain McDonald**

**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

Sunday School resumes next Sunday, September 20th.

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

HUCC Choir rehearses Wednesday, September 16th at 6:30 pm in the Choir Room.

Operation Sandwich – Thursday, September 17th @ 4 pm in the Kitchen.

Serving evening meal at St. Vincent's on Friday, September 18th at 4:30 pm.

Caring Ministry Meeting on Zoom – Thursday, September 24th at 7:00 pm.

Prayer Shawl Knitting Group meets Wednesday, October 7th at 3 pm.