

Order of Worship

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

Gathering Music

Hymn Medley

arr. O’Boyle

Welcome

Prelude

Of the Father’s Love Begotten

Hayes

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Come and worship, proclaim God's ways of faithfulness and steadfast love.

We will tell of God's love, which unfolds in our lives.

Come and worship, for we are God's people, rejoicing in his graciousness.

God is always with us, there is nothing which can keep us apart.

Come to the One who tells stories; worship our God who keeps promises.

We rejoice with God who is with us always. Let us worship God!

*Hymn 39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

Call to Prayer

Prayer for Forgiveness (Unison)

What can we say about our foolish lives, God of Love? We toss and turn at night, all those things over which we have no control keeping us wide awake, when we could turn them over to you. No matter how many times we hear the news that death has lost its power over us, we dread that day and try everything we can to postpone it. Our claims to have great faith are disputed by our inability to trust you in all things.

Forgive us, Grace of the World, for believing that our sins are more powerful than your mercy. You cast out your net of grace so that all might be gathered into your kingdom. Your Spirit carries the whispers of our hearts to you, and we are embraced with your hope, blessed with your love through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ...

(silent time for your reflection and personal confessions)

Assurance of God’s Forgiveness

Word & Wonder – A Time for the Young & the Young at Heart

Scripture Lesson

Job 42:7-17

OT, p. 488

Sermon

The Best Is Yet to Come

Rev. Christie Ashton

*Hymn 463

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the One Triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and earth. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...(prayer continues)

As we pray together the prayer Christ taught us:

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 536

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

Surge Ecclesia

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

To God Be the Glory

Wright

*You are invited to stand in body or spirit as you are comfortable doing so.

Worship Leader This Week: Lareeta Ashton

Worship Leader Next Week: Jenny Langston



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Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

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To God Be the Glory

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What’s Happening at Hope?

Presentation of Bibles and Fellowship Lunch:

Next Sunday, September 13, we will present Bibles to the children and youth during worship as we begin a new cycle of the Narrative Lectionary. We will celebrate after the service with a fellowship meal. The church is providing the main dish (a baked potato bar) and you are invited to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share if you are able. All are welcome!

Church Calendar at a Glance

September 6	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
September 13	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Lunch NO Choir Practice

The Elder on Call for September is Susan Terry.

She may be contacted at any time for information, emergencies, or concerns at **256-975-9847** .

Prayer Concerns

Members: Rev. Traci Loveman Holly Lowe Andy Young Shelby Albert	Family: Jane Davis (Christie Ashton) Richard Davis (Christie Ashton) Jimmy Marshall (Peter Loveman) Kelley Waldron (Christie Ashton) Lys Howdle (Susan Terry) Parker Lord (Candy & Bob Lord) Marcia Loveman (Peter Loveman) Fred Jones (Bill Jones)
Friends: The family of Tommy Glynn Dan Hahs Tracy Fletcher Luke & Crystal Allen (Joanna Sterling-Clutts) Barbara Dennis Suzanne Minga (Traci Loveman) Dr. Jon Wongsurawat (Traci Loveman) Bob Harriger (Joanna Sterling-Clutts) Melissa Altice (Angie Wester) Mary Neikirk (Angie Wester)	Those serving in our military. Those affected by natural disasters and war around the world.

Prayer Family of the Week:

Our prayer family of the week are Tim Clutts and Joanna Sterling-Clutts. This week we ask the congregation to remember the Sterling-Clutts and their family, asking God to strengthen and bless them.