

September 7, 2025: 13th Sunday after Pentecost

~~ *GATHERING BEFORE GOD* ~~

**GREETINGS ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ JOYS
~ CONCERNS ~ GOD MOMENTS ~**

† **HYMN** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" **UMH #139**
The Light of Christ Enters

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18 **UMH #854**

† **HYMN** "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" **UMH #382**

~~ *PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD* ~~

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 18:1-11

CHORAL HYMN "Living for Jesus" **TFWS #2149**

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 14:25-33

† **HYMN** "Trust and Obey" **UMH #467**

MESSAGE "God Knows My Name"

~~ *RESPONDING IN THE SPIRIT* ~~

† **HYMN** "Where He Leads Me" **UMH #338**

~~ *THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION* ~~

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING **UMH p.13**

THE LORD'S PRAYER **UMH #895**

All who seek to know Christ are invited to partake.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

† **Doxology** **UMH #95**

PASTORAL PRAYER

"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." James 5:16

~~ *SENDING FORTH* ~~

The Light of Christ Leads Us into the World

† **HYMN** "Blessed Assurance" **UMH #369**

BENEDICTION

† Postlude “God Be with You till We Meet Again” UMH #672

† *Standing as you are able to the glory of God*

Scriptures for Sept 14 (14th Sunday after Pentecost):

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17;

Luke 15:1-10

Thank you for joining us for worship.

~~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~~

TODAY:

9:00 am Worship – Georgetown UMC

11:00 am Worship – Oxford Vets Home (So. Ot. UMC)

Noon(ish) Covered dish lunch (Oxford Vets Home)

WEEKLY / BIWEEKLY / MONTHLY:

† **Pastor in the office** – Wed 11 am to 2 pm, Thurs 1-4 pm

† **Youth Group** – 2nd & 3rd Sunday, noon to 2 pm, So.Ot.

† **Administrative Board** – Georgetown, 3rd Sunday 8:15 am;
South Otselic, 4th Sunday 11:45(ish) am

† **Food Pantry** – 3rd Thursday each month 3-6 pm
Special requests call Kevin Grewe 607-337-8941

† **Sunshine Shop** Thu 10-4; Fri 11-5; Sat 9-noon
– Next open Sep 18-20; Oct 2-4; Oct 16-18;
– For emergency clothing, call 315-653-7490.

† **60+ dinners** – biweekly, South Otselic UMC, 5 pm;
upcoming Sep 5, Sep 19, Oct 3, Oct 17, Nov 7, Nov 21

UPCOMING EVENTS:

† Laity Sunday – October 19

† Charge Conference – November 9, 7 pm, Norwich
(Broad Street UMC)

PRAYER LIST:(Short Term):

From 8/31 – Nikko Baker, Henry Campbell, Kevin Grewe (& Gizmo), Cal Hite, Justin Sheldon, Wenda West, Minnesota church shooting victims, students/educational staff

From 8/24 –Jaime Davis, Angela Harris, recent accident victims

From 8/17 – Give God thanks!

From 8/10 – Janice Trass & Eric Bowers, Anne Crossway, Matt Sheldon, Mike Sheldon, Travis Sheldon

(Long Term): Jonna Bartlett, David Boyer, Richard Bishop, Paul Carson, Margaret Chase, Ron Colasudo, Kaity Davis, Doug (& Kathe) Evans, Linda Excell, Ted Gargas, Roger Hakes, Chuck Hathaway, Patti Lamandia, Diane MacGregor, Cassandra & Christopher Marquard, Chris Marquard, Maverick Mesko, Aaron Miller, Phil Mudge, Mitch Mullenax, Jenny Naber, Elaine Perkins, John & Carole Roalef, Kate Robinson, Matt & Annette Sheldon, Cathy Silver, Normajean Stark, Kenneth Sullivan, Angela (Graves) Szlamczynski, David Wentworth

Travel mercies for family and friends

Our men and women in the military

World leaders, our country, & the need for peace

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS:

September: 6-Suki Fox; 8-Wenda West; 20-Cal Hite; 24-Elva White; Heidi Newton

October: 7-Laura Davis, Denise Gavin, Emily Spear; 23-Trevor Newton; 28-Madelynne Newton

School's open -
drive carefully!



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Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

(UMH 854)

- ¹ O Lord, you have searched me and known me!
- ² **You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- ³ You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ⁴ **Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it altogether.**
- ⁵ You pursue me behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain it.**
- ¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts; **you knit me together in my mother's womb.**
- ¹⁴ I praise you, for you are fearful and wonderful.
Wonderful are your works!
You know me very well;
- ¹⁵ **my frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth.**
- ¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance;
in your book were written the days that were formed for me, every day, before they came into being.
- ¹⁷ How profound to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!
- ¹⁸ **If I would count them, they are more than the sand. When I awake, I am still with you.**

Jeremiah 18:1-11

(NRSV)

- ¹ The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord:
- ² "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words."

³ So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel.

⁴ The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

⁵ Then the word of the Lord came to me:

⁶ Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

⁷ At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it,

⁸ but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it.

⁹ And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it,

¹⁰ but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it.

¹¹ Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Philemon 1:1-21

(NRSV)

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker,

² to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God

⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus.

⁶ I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ.

⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸ For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty,

⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love--and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus.

¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.

¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me.

¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.

¹³ I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel;

¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced.

¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever,

¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother--especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.

¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account.

¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will

repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self.

²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Luke 14:25-33

(NRSV)

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them,

²⁶ "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.

²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?

²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him,

³⁰ saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'

³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand?

³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.

³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.