

GATHERING, PRELUDE, CALL TO WORSHIP O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee **430**
Ps 149 dwh

Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.
Let the people of God rejoice in their Maker;
and be glad in their King.
For the Lord takes delight in his people;
he crowns the humble with victory.

Praise the Lord

HYMN: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee **89**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oct 10 - Annual Charge Conference, Damascus UMC 1 pm

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / INTERCESSIONS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION by David Gerner, via PO

Holy Spirit, open our eyes and our ears, our minds and our hearts,
that we may hear your Word, walk in your ways, and truly live.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Romans 13:8–14
Matthew 18:15–20.

CONFESSION adapted from FotW

From evil, even when it masquerades as good,
From selfishness and vain desires,
From irresponsible behaviors, quarreling, and jealousy,
From hurtful disagreements and irreconcilable differences,

Merciful God, deliver us.
Turn us away from the death sin inflicts.
Lead us into the abundant life Christ brings.
Forgive us, we pray, and teach us to forgive,
through Jesus Christ.

{silent prayers}

ASSURANCE

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Laying aside the works of darkness,
we live in the light of Christ.
Gathered in Christ's name,

surely he is among us, full of grace and truth.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and lifted up to new life.
Thanks be to God.

CHOIR: How Great Thou Art **77**

SERMON The Long Haul of Love
Love is the Fulfilling of the Law

HYMN: I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord **617**

BRINGING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY **95**

PRAYER Matt. 18:20 n

Ever-present God, just as Jesus promised to be among us
when two or three gather in his name,
be among us now
that these offerings may become
instruments of your love and justice.
In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION **15-16**

THE LORD'S PRAYER **895**

HYMN: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling **384**

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May the Creator who made the light,
the Christ who is the light,
and the Spirit who ignites the light within
abide with you and all creation now and always.

Amen

POSTLUDE All Creatures of Our God and King **62**

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Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures Year A – Sep. 06, 2026 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost

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Scriptures:

Exodus 12:1–14 Psalm 149
or Ezekiel 33:7–11 Psalm 119:33–40
Romans 13:8–14 Matthew 18:15–20

Questions for Reflection:

How do you reconcile a God who would “strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals” (Exod. 12:12) with a God who would die for the sins of the entire world?

Morning Prayers:

Good morning, God. Thank you for the invitation to live faithfully today,
walking in your paths, loving my neighbor.

The day is new, unmarred by missteps or words misspoken,
so I pause in this newness to remember your commandments
and to delight in them.

Help me to follow you all through this day.
Keep my feet from stumbling or wandering down other trails
so that I honor you and others in word and deed. In Christ I pray. Amen.

O God of this and every morning, as I begin this day, call my name;
as I step into this day, guide my feet; as I live this day, care for those I love;
as I learn this day, teach me your ways. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Evening Prayers:

God of stars and planets, the setting sun ends this day for us
as it rises on a new day for others.
For us and for them, be light in every darkness. In Jesus' name. Amen.

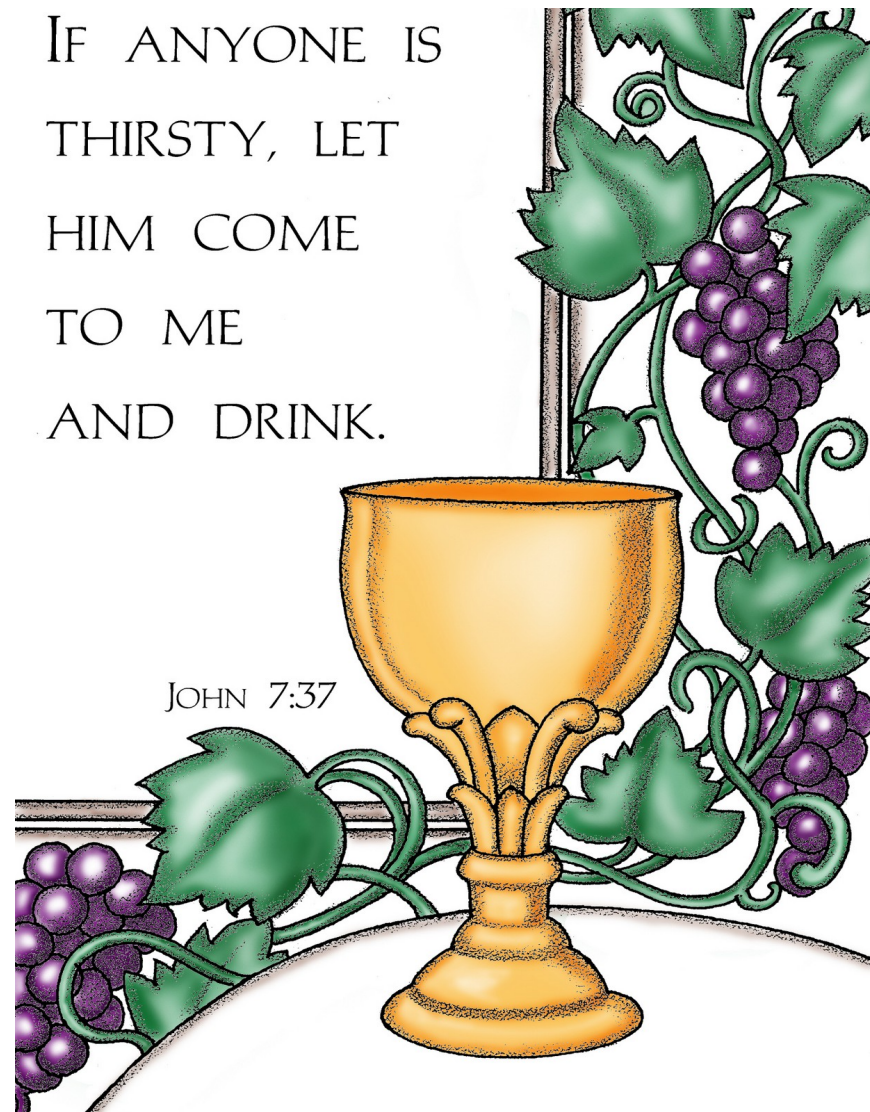
Loving God, as I have put on Christ in my words and deeds today,
now let me rest in Christ's light and presence as the evening comes.
Awake or asleep, you watch over me, and I am grateful you love me so.
I turn my whole heart to you in love, and my heart is full of love and care
for my family and friends & for all those whom you have made my neighbor.
In the quiet hours of sleep, mend in me
whatever is unresolved from the day now past,
and wake me with the morning light, and with your grace yet again. Amen.

Scriptures for Next Week -

Exodus 14:19–31	Psalm 114
or Genesis 50:15–21	Psalm 103:(1–7) 8–13
Romans 14:1–12	Matthew 18:21–35

Liturgist:

IF ANYONE IS
THIRSTY, LET
HIM COME
TO ME
AND DRINK.



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