

And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.
Chorus:

Scripture Reading

Psalm 139:13-16

Sermon Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Sermon

"A Common Ache"

Rev. Nici Masters

Hymn

"Onward Christian Soldiers"

UMH 575

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Offering

Doxology

UMH 95

Offertory Prayer

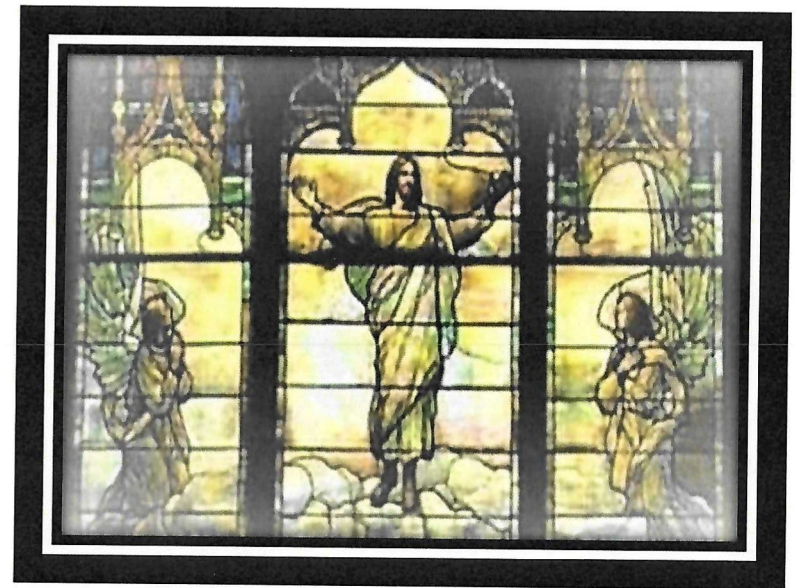
Passing the Peace

Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

UMH 557

Benediction



**GATEWAY UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

301 Diamond Street, Fairmont WV 26554

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Music Coordinator – Bev Slagle

Bell Choir Director – Val Huffman

September Head Usher – David Nuzum

Acolytes

Esme and Ollie Allen

Haeden and Kenslie Futton

Nora Rae Huffman

The Celebration of Worship

September 27, 2026

Order of Worship

Announcements

Prelude "Of The Father's Love Begotten" Bells

***Call to Worship**

L: Just as a body, though one, has many parts, so it is with Christ.

All: We are many members, but we are baptized into one body.

L: The foot cannot say it does not belong, nor can the ear refuse its place.

All: God has placed every single part of the body exactly where He wanted then.

L: If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

All: We are the body of Christ, and each one of us is a part of it. Let us worship Him together!

Opening Prayer

Mighty and Creative God, we praise you today, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made! Your eyes saw our unformed bodies, and you intricately wove us together in our mothers' wombs. Every single day of our lives was written in your book before one of them came to be. We marvel at the deliberate, loving care you took in creating each of us as unique individuals. But Lord, we thank you that you did not create us to remain isolated. Just as you masterfully fashioned our physical frames, you have also masterfully constructed your Church. Thank you for

placing each of us exactly where you wanted us within the body of Christ.

Forgive us, Lord, when we look at the parts you gave us and wish we were something else. Forgive us for the envy that makes us feel like we don't belong, and for the pride that makes us think we don't need others.

Holy Spirit, open our eyes today to see the beauty of our interconnectedness. Help us to feel what the body feels-to weep genuinely with those who suffer, and to rejoice wildly with those who are honored. Remove all division from our midst. Knot our diverse gifts, backgrounds, and stories into one healthy, functioning body that honors Jesus Christ, our Head. In His holy and unified name we pray, Amen.

Children's Chat

Val Huffman

Hymn "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;

And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Chorus:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
Chorus:

We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride.

Chorus:

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son;

Psalm 139:13-16 New International Version

- 13 For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.
- 15 My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
- 16 Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.
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Unity and Diversity in the Body

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. **13** For we were all baptized by^[a] one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. **14** Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

15 Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. **16** And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. **17** If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? **18** But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. **19** If they were all one part, where would the body be? **20** As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" **22** On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, **23** and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, **24** while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, **25** so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. **26** If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. **28** And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. **29** Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? **30** Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues^[b]? Do all interpret?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Woody Dennison, Faye Dodd, Rusty Freeland, Mary Beth Furbee, Carol Hall, Ezra Hall
Linda Lomicka, Charlotte Merriman, Dan Ross, Madalee Wilson, Kay Young

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 27 – Prayer Team after Worship

ATTENDANCE

September 6 - 76

September 13 - 68

September 20 –

September 27 –

ATTENTION ALL SINGERS

Anyone who would like to sing for the cantata is invited to attend
rehearsals each Wednesday evening at 6pm.

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Loose Change/Food Pantry Collection

Loose change (coins only) – Honey Bags

Items for September – Baby Food