

**11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
YOUTH SUNDAY  
HOLY COMMUNION  
8:30 AM SANCTUARY SERVICE, AUGUST 4, 2024**

**RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

**GATHERING**

*(Please take a moment to sign the attendance pad and pass it on to your neighbor)*

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE: UMH #64**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
Amelia Miller, Flute

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT**

**\*OPENING HYMN UMH #390**

*Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "THE APOSTLES' CREED" UMH #881**

**BLESSING OF THE BOOKBAGS**

**Congregation:** Loving God, be with these people - students, teachers, administrators, custodians... Be with them and help them as they begin a new year of learning, teaching, growing, and serving... May their minds and their pencils be sharp; may their lunches never be forgotten at home; may their pink erasers help them to remember that mistakes are okay - in fact, are a key part of the process.

God, thank you for glue sticks and homework folders, laptops, and crisp new notebooks; thank you for schools and libraries and teachers; thank you for the gift of curiosity and for highlighters to illuminate the important parts - help us be highlighters of your great love. God of Love, bless these backpacks and school bags and all the supplies they will hold... Thank you for those who highlight your love through their actions - parents, mentors, friends, and all who support these students.

We pray these things, believing in You, Amen.

**ANTHEM**

*Remember Me*  
Hannah Vitters, Amelia Miller

Adams

**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH #12**

**COMMUNITY PRAYER CONCERNS**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER #895**

**OFFERTORY:**

*Scenes from Rocky Mount, VA*  
*As the offering is collected, enjoy pictures from our week in Rocky Mount, VA*

**\*THE DOXOLOGY UMH #95**

**\* LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT**

Matthew 18:1-5

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**\*GLORIA PATRI #71**

**WITNESS TO THE WORD**

**"Mission Stories"**  
*Wells Carter, Hannah Vitters, Lila Crosswell*

**\*CLOSING HYMN UMH #138**

*The King of Love My shepherd Is* (all stanzas)

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE: FWS #2153**

Spiritual

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* Afro American

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

Those retrieving the homebound baskets are asked to do so at the conclusion of the service.