

**8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
YOUTH SUNDAY
HOLY COMMUNION
8:30 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE, AUGUST 3, 2025**

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: *Great Is Our Faithfulness*
Amelia Miller, Flute

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

FIRST SCRIPTURE Galatians 5:13-15 N.T. page 179

***OPENING HYMN: UMH #126** *Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: UMH #881** “The Apostles’ Creed”

BLESSING OF THE BOOKBAGS

Congregation: Creator God, you gave us incredible bodies and brains that grow and develop with time. You made us so that, whether in or out of the classroom, we are always learning. Today, we celebrate a return to the classroom. We pray each person in every school will be appreciated for the ways they learn. Bless everyone as they learn at their own pace. Allow these students to be curious thinkers, to be filled with questions about themselves and the world around them. Be blessed with discernment as they decide when, where, and to whom you will ask your many questions. And when there is no answer to be found, or none that satisfy, cling to the greatest promise of all: God loves you and will never leave you. Amen.

ANTHEM *Remember Me* Adams
Hannah Vitters, Amelia Miller

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH #12

OFFERTORY: *Scenes from Marion, NC*
As the offering is collected, enjoy pictures from our week in Marion, NC.

***THE DOXOLOGY UMH #95**

***SERMON SCRIPTURE** Philippians 2:3-7, 14-16 N.T. page 186

***GLORIA PATRI #71**

WITNESS TO THE WORD “Mission Stories from Marion”
Todd Handell, Mary Scott Handell, Hannah Vitters

***CLOSING HYMN: UMH #102** *Now Thank We All Our God*

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

POSTLUDE: UMH #557 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

***Please stand as you are able.**
Those retrieving the homebound baskets are asked to do so at the conclusion of the service.