



Live in harmony with one another.
Romans 12:16a

September 3, 2023 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering to Celebrate in Worship

Welcome Birthdays, Anniversaries, Announcements

Call to Worship with Psalm 26:1-8, (screen) Invocation

Praise, Prayers, and Affirmations

† Hymn of Praise, #89 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

God Sightings and Personal Testimonies

Prayer Concerns *Solidarity with Virus, War and Storm Victims and Suffering Children*

Health Care Workers, Homebound, Military Families

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle
Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo

Prayers of the People

Loving God, Bless your people, that all may seek you eagerly and share in your work of reconciliation.

**R Your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
our lips shall give you praise.**

You hear the call of all who live with misery, illness, poverty, or threat: Raise up champions of virtue, healing, and justice to bring the power of your gracious compassion and liberation to everyone in need. **R**

Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation *UM Book of Worship, 483*

**God of grace and glory,
we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our
actions, but by our readiness to live boldly by faith.
Help us, as individuals and as a congregation,
to trust you and follow where you lead,
that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth. Amen.**

Words of Assurance and Pastoral Prayer

Offering Our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness † *Doxology*

Proclamation of the Word

Affirming the "I Am" Statements of Jesus *From the Gospel According to St. John*

We believe that Jesus is the Bread of Life (*John 6:35*)

We believe that Jesus is the Light of the World (*John 8:12*)

We believe that Jesus is the Door (*John 10:9*)

We believe that Jesus is the Good Shepherd (*John 10:11,14*)

We believe that Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life (*John 11:25*)

We believe that Jesus is the Way and the Truth and the Life (*John 14:6*)

We believe that Jesus is the Vine (*John 15:1,5*)

The Hebrew Text *Jeremiah 15:15-21*

The Epistle *Romans 12:9-21*

The Gospel *Matthew 16:21-28*

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon "The Cross of Love"

Responding to God's Call on Our Lives

† Hymn of Celebration *Together We Serve*

Passing the Peace of Christ and the Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving *The Lord's Prayer*

Sharing the Bread and Cup *Prayers after Communion*

† Hymn of Dedication *Spirit of the Living God*

Continuing in Ministry to Our Community

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." *Jesus, Mark 16:15*

Going Forth to Love Others as Christ Loves Us

† Choral Benediction *Beloved, Let Us Love One Another*

Resist evil in all its forms:
Racism, Discrimination, Exploitation, Violence



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It's easy!

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The sanctuary is online 24/7/365 so you can enter virtually any time, and if you visit at 11 am on Sundays the worship service will automatically be displayed.

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Here is the [Google Map link](#) to our physical location at 1966 US-68, Benton KY 42025



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**Please support the ministries of your church
with your prayers, your presence, your gifts,
your service and your witness**



Charge Conference: Tuesday, September 19, at 5:00 pm

Sunday Worship Celebration 11:00 am — In Sanctuary & Online

Tuesday Faith Book Club 11:30 am — In Life Center (10:30 Brunch)

Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 pm — Online

3rd Place Ministries & New to You Thrift Shop Tue-Fri 9-4; Sat 9-2

Marshall County Needline Wed-Fri 9-4

Paducah Cooperative Ministry Mon-Thu 9-12 & 1:30-30

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Our "Reconciling Congregation" invites you to become a "Reconciling United Methodist" by completing a card in the vestibule or signing up online at www.rmnetwork.org

Next Week's Epistle Reading

Romans 13:8-14

Love does no wrong to a neighbor;
therefore, love is the fulfilling of the
law. *Romans 13:10*

Beloved

Let us love one another: for love is of
God; and every one that loveth
is born of God, and knoweth God. He
that loveth not knoweth not God; for

God is Love.
1 John 4:7-8