

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026, Worship Service 9:30 AM

*For this mark *, please stand if you are able.*

Prelude Nathaniel Zhang

*** Opening Hymn / Procession / Lighting of Candles**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty – UMH 64 (1 & 4)

*** Call to Worship** Together

*** Opening Prayer** Adele Dow

Gathering Hymns

How Majestic Is Your Name – TFWS 2023 (x2)

Prayer of Confession / Assurance of Forgiveness

Announcements / Joys / Passing of Peace Adele Dow

Special Music Benny & El Leonora Verano

Above All (by Lenny Leblanc)

Scripture Reading Jim Cleaveland

Genesis 45:1-5, 9-15; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Sermon Rev. Myeong Shin Nam

The Wounded Healer

Centering Hymn

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive – UMH 390 (1 – 4)

Concerns & Prayers

Lord's Prayer

*** Sharing the Gifts** Doxology, UMH 94

*** Sending Forth Hymn**

Freely, Freely – UMH 389 (1 – 2)

*** Sending Forth Blessing** Rev. Myeong Shin Nam

Postlude Nathaniel Zhang

Today's Scripture

Genesis 45:1-5, 9-15 (NRSV Updated Edition)

1. Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers.
2. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it.
3. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.
4. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.
5. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.
9. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay.
10. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.
11. I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.
12. And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you.
13. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here."
14. Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck.
15. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 (NRSV Updated Edition)

1. I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.
2. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.
29. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.
30. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience,
31. so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy.
32. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Worship Contributors

Acolyte: Daphney De Leon (*Next: Jericho Zapata*)

Worship Leader: Adele Dow (*Next: Soleil De Leon*)

Scripture Reader: Jim Cleaveland (*Next: Ysabel Zapata*)

Usher: Maureen St. Hill (*Next: Maureen St. Hill*)

Audio/Visual Team: Joel & Jericho Zapata (*Next: Joel / Jericho Z.*)

Choir Director: Loren Peters **Song Leader:** Michelle Perkins

Accompanists: Nathaniel Zhang (Piano), Latrosse Harris (Drum),
Loren Peters (Horn), Roger Doering (Trumpet)

Weekly Programs

Sunday

9:30 AM — Worship (Sanctuary & Zoom)

10:30 AM — Fellowship (Wesley Room)

10:45 AM — Adult Sunday School (Library & Zoom)

11:00 AM — Sunday Bible Study (Philippi Room)

11:00 AM — The Lamp (Wesley Room)

Weekdays

Tuesday, 10:00 AM — Senior Club (Resume September 1)

Wednesday, 7:00 PM — Faith & Life Conversation (Zoom)

Thursday, 7:00 PM — Choir Rehearsal (Resume September 10)

Children & Youth

Sunday, 10:45 AM — Youth & Young Adult Class (Youth Center)

Sunday, 11:00 AM — Children's Time (Small Group Room)

Announcements

- ❖ **Property Team Meeting** – Sunday, August 16, 12 PM (Library / zoom).
- ❖ **"Play Music on the Porch Day" Planning Meeting** – Friday, August 21, 10:30 AM PM (Library)
- ❖ **United Women in Faith** – Saturday, August 22, 10:30 AM PM (Library)
- ❖ **Church Board Meeting** – Sunday, August 23, 12 PM (Library / zoom).
- ❖ **The Spire – Articles & News Submissions** are due by August 25. Please email your articles and announcements to office@fumcsl.org.
- ❖ **Play Music on the Porch Day** – Saturday, August 29, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Labyrinth).
- ❖ **UMCOR offering for "Venezuela Earthquake"** – Due until August 31.
- ❖ **Choir Members Wanted:** The choir welcomes new members.

Contact: Loren Peters

Weekly Rehearsal Schedule:

- **Thursdays:** 7:00 PM (Resumes September 10)
- **Sundays:** 8:45 AM (Before Worship)