

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 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** Soleil De Leon

Gathering Hymns

I've God Peace Like a River – TFWS 2145 (1 – 3)

Prayer of Confession / Assurance of Forgiveness

Announcements / Joys / Passing of Peace Soleil De Leon

Special Music Soleil De Leon

Touch of Heaven by Hillsong Worship

Scripture Reading Ysabel Zapata

Exodus 1:15-17, 2:1-9; Romans 12:1-5

Sermon Rev. Myeong Shin Nam

A Small Act, A Great Gift

Centering Hymn

Take My Life, and Let It Be – UMH 399 (1 – 3)

Concerns & Prayers

Lord's Prayer

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

*** Sending Forth Hymn**

We Are Called – TFWS 2172 (1 – 3)

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

Postlude Nathaniel Zhang

Today's Scripture

Exodus 1:15-17, 2:1-9 (NRSV Updated Edition)

15. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah,
16. "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live."
17. But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live.

Chapter 2

1. Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman.
2. The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months.
3. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river.
4. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.
5. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it.
6. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said.
7. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?"
8. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother.
9. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it.

Romans 12:1-5 (NRSV Updated Edition)

1. I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship.
2. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect.
3. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.
4. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function,
5. so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

Worship Contributors

Acolyte: Jericho Zapata (*Next: Danika Wijetunga*)
Worship Leader: Soleil De Leon (*Next: Adele Dow*)
Scripture Reader: Ysabel Zapata (*Next: Ben Verano*)
Usher: Helen Johnson (*Next: Tracy Zapata*)
Audio/Visual Team: Joel & Jericho Zapata (*Next: Joel Z / Ethan C*)
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

- ❖ **The Lamp resumes** – Today, 11:00 AM (Wesley Room)
- ❖ **Church Board Meeting** – Today, 12 PM (Library / zoom).
- ❖ **Play Music on the Porch Day**
Saturday, August 29, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Labyrinth).
Invite your neighbors and friends to join us for this special community event.
We hope you will come and enjoy music, fellowship, and fun together!
- ❖ **UMCOR for "Venezuela Earthquake" due by August 31**
- ❖ **Senior Club – Fall Season**
September 1 – November 17 // Tuesdays, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM (Hale Hall)
A complimentary lunch will be provided on the first day.
- ❖ **Choir Rehearsal Resumes** – Thursday, September 10, 7:00 PM (Chapel)