

*One asterisk means to stand, as you are able.

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The nearest restrooms are out the sanctuary side door, through the breezeway, and into the alcove of the Thin Place Gallery.

Assisted listening devices are available from the technician at the Audiovisual booth, which is located at the back of the sanctuary.

Citations for references used during worship are available from the ministers, upon request. The New Revised Standard Version (Updated Edition) of the Bible is used during worship, unless otherwise noted.

Lectionary Year A, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
August 30: Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 26:1-8;
Psalm 105;1-6, 23-26, 45b; Jeremiah 15:15-21;
Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28.

Lectionary Year A, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
September 6: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 119:33-40,
Psalm 149; Ezekiel 33:7-11; Romans 12:8-14;
Matthew 18:15-30.



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We are a **Matthew 25** Church.
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Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2026 10 a.m.

LARGE PRINT

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Lay Reader today is Doug Clapp.

Centering Music

*** Call to Worship**

One: Come, not because you have everything together,
but because God is always faithful.

All: We come to receive the grace of God.

One: Come with what you have to offer,
and be bold to ask for what you need.

All: We come as people who need one another.

One: Come to worship the God who gives us
more than we could ever ask for or imagine.

All: We come with open hearts.

One: Let us worship God.

*** Opening Hymn** *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*
Song sheet

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, you have given us everything we need:
life, love, forgiveness, grace, friendship, and
community. All that we have comes from you.**

Yet, we confess that we are often reluctant to receive all that life has to give. We tell ourselves that we do not want to be a burden. We insist that we can manage on our own. We offer help readily, but hesitate when help is offered to us. Forgive us when our pride disguises itself as humility, when our independence keeps us from community, and when our refusal to receive keeps others from giving. Teach us to receive your grace. Teach us to receive the love of others. Help us to see that we belong to one another. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.
We invite everyone to share Christ’s peace with your neighbors, both now and after the service.

* Sung Response *Glory to God,* Song sheet
Whose Goodness Shines on Me

First Scripture Reading *John 13:3-17*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *We Have One Faith* - Joseph Martin

Children’s Message

Children from age 4-5th grade may now go to the Grace Space, at the front of the sanctuary.

Second Scripture Reading *Acts 20:32-35*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message *It’s Blessed to Receive What Others Give*
Rev. Dr. Kyle Goodman

Words of Reflection *On Giving* - Kahlil Gibran

And what desert greater shall there be,
than that which lies in the courage and the confidence,
nay, the charity, of receiving.
And who are you that men should rend their bosom
and unveil their pride, that you may see their worth naked
and their pride unabashed?
See first that you yourself deserve to be a giver,
and an instrument of giving.
For in truth it is life that gives unto life —
while you, who deem yourself a giver, are but a witness.
And you receivers — and you are all receivers —
assume no weight of gratitude,
lest you lay a yoke upon yourself and upon him who gives.
Rather rise together with the giver on his gifts as on wings;
for to be over mindful of your debt
is to doubt his generosity who has the freehearted earth
for mother, and God for father.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer
King James version

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowéd be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Pray with the words that hold the most meaning for you, even if they differ from your neighbor’s.

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully donate to the continued life and work of our congregation. You may mail gifts directly to the church, or use our online giving platform, at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-tithing>.

Offertory

* Doxology *Praise God,* Song sheet
from Whom All Blessings Flow

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Sending Hymn *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* Song sheet

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* Charge and Benediction

Closing Music