

*“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here.”*



**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 2026**

WELCOME & CALL TO MINISTRY

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord!

People: Sing praise to God’s name!

Leader: The Lord has done wonderful things for us!

People: The Lord has heaped blessing upon blessing in our lives!

Leader: Come, sing, shout, and give thanks to God.

People: In all our ways, we will continually thank God forever.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

GLORIA PATRI*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen, Amen.

HYMN*

#4 Holy, Holy, Holy vs. 1, 2, 4

INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

God of mysterious ways, we come to you this day, seeking your healing and restoring love. You remind us that you are always with us and that we do not need to fear the wind and waves of life. Open our hearts to receive your message of peace and hope. Give us courage and strength, joy and peace for all the times ahead. In Jesus' name, we pray, saying...

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Choral Response

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Call to Offering

Offertory

Song of Presentation*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Prayer*

Holy God, Generous One, we present these offerings as tokens of our lives in grateful praise for your love for us. Use these gifts for the ministries of hope and justice in this, your world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN*

#77 Eagles' Wings vs. 1, 2, 4

Church School children will process to the Parish House during the last verse.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:22-33

Choral Response

SERMON

Family Drama and God's Faithfulness

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Choral Response

HYMN*

#261 Sweet, Sweet Spirit

BENEDICTION* - spoken and sung

POSTLUDE

**All are invited to stand in body or spirit*

Today's liturgy has been adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual and Ministry Matters.

THANK YOU

Shelby Behrens - Acolyte

Debbie Poole - Deacon on Duty

To everyone who chose our hymns today.

Gail Peck and Anne Olson - Ushers

Leslie Schlemmer - Scripture Reader

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Are Welcome Here: For your comfort, listening devices are available by the front doors of the church. Additionally, services are live streamed in the chapel, should you need to step out of the service for any reason. Simply turn on the TV. Please see a Deacon if you need assistance.

Coffee Hour: Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall following today's service.

Women of the Bible study group meet in the Chapel Monday's at 1:00 PM.

Lawn Mowing Sign-Up: We are still in need of volunteers to mow our church lawn this week and the weeks of August 16 & 31. Please sign up on the chart posted on the bulletin board located in the church lobby or email Carole at: czeigler@nmchurch.org.

Rev. Marie will be on vacation from Tuesday, August 18 through Monday, August 24.

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