

Prayer Requests

Joys: Week of 9-13-26 – It has been below 110 degrees most of last week! Pastor Misty has started a new sermon series, the first one “God made us different!” Working together is what makes God’s church able to meet the needs of many! Thank you, Lord!

Concerns: Week of 9-13-26 – Lisa Barnes; Shaundi Carmack; Ron Croft’s friend, Mike; Joyce Davis & family; Doug Drake; Ann Haggerty; Kendra Hoffman’s nephew Jordan; Bobbi Holmes’ granddaughter Lauren; Pat Howard’s granddaughter Caitlin’s friend Savannah; the Howick family & Jiggs; Ken Martin; Sue Millenbaugh; Kathy Norris’ friend, Nola; Shepherd of the Hills & Senior Pastor Deborah Lerner; Sidney & Madonna Thomas’ son Sidney; Faye West; Larry West.

Ongoing prayers: Nancy Campbell; Doug & Carolyn Drake; Carol Gove; Laura Holloman; Bobbi Holmes; Jim & Carolyn Hopkins; Pat Howard & her daughter, Erin; Dave & Vicki Hunt; Mary Kristensen; Rev. Steve & Pam McNeal Laue; Gerald & Sharon Marchant; Tom & Donna Masterson; Maury & Rozanne Malaise; Ken & Connie Quinn; Ron & Karen Rezny, and family; Kim & Judy Riddlesworth; Roy & Margaret Sims; Arline Slocumb; Sandy Smith’s sister, Carolyn; Madonna & Sidney Thomas’ brother, William, a cousin, Cryilla, and a niece, Manan; Nella Tjeerdsma’s friend, Peggy.

Prayers for Friends and Family: Richard Holdsworth’s sister, Virginia (age 95 in NY); Dave & Vicki Hunt’s son-in-law, Todd; Jacque Laats’ niece, Jaxon & Kurt (in AK); Norma Lombardi’s sister, Antoinette (age 100 in NY); Jan Mills’ sister, Greta (age 96 in MO); Jan Mills’ niece, Lettie (in MO); Kathy N.’s mom’s best friend, Juanetta (age 101 in TX); Faye West’s brother & s-i-l, Ray & Lonnie West (in MN).

For Family and Loved Ones of the Following People Who Died: Ken Kraft (10-13-25); Kelly Quinn (10-28-25); Donna Doede (10-29-25); Norma Lawson (12-15-25); Juanita Howard (12-27-25); Joanne Wilson (12-27-25); Terri Nekvinda (12-30-25); Raymond Drake (1-3-26); Thelma Rush (3-13-26); Darlene McSparran (3-13-26); Gladys Kelley (3-27-26); Tony Kalinski (4-2-26); Elaine Cooper (4-22-26); Dave Hoffman (4-24-26); Mona Parmar (5-8-26); Ed Rockwell (6-12-26); Frank Castle (8-2-26); Robert (Bob) Davis (9-2-26).

Prayer for Healthy Churches to make a Healthy World:

We lift prayers for all pets that are in animal shelters to find forever homes where the mutual love of pet and owner will flourish to make both lives more pleasant and fun. We also lift those who are grieving a loss, those who are experiencing pain, those who are lonely, those who are hungry, and those experiencing homelessness. We pray for the first responders, police, doctors, nurses and all supporting medical services, as they are the ones who God works through to help all of us. We pray for those who are going through medical procedures and those who need emotional support. We pray for those whose hearts are broken that they will be healed. We pray for relationships to be mended and healed. We pray for those who have drifted away from God. We know that God’s love never ends. We pray we may reflect God’s love so others may experience it too.

Our Military in Service: (** = serving overseas)

Air Force: SSgt. Kathryn Jones, TSgt. Kyler Sengsavath **

ANG: A1C Morgan Ailsieger, TSgt. Malika Sengsavath

Army: Spec. Matthew Farris**, WO2 Wesley Meadows **

Marines: Cpl. Trayton Stewart

Navy: E-5 Nicholas Rinker, ATC Echo Smith, Lt. Nav03 Karl Kristensen



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Service of Scripture, Prayer and Music

September 20, 2026, 10:30 am

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude “On Eagle’s Wings with Be Thou My Vision” arr. Carol Tornquist

Welcome/Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Leader: Followers of Christ, we live in a world where we hurt one another, where sin divides us one from another and makes us enemies instead of neighbors.

People: Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.

Leader: The divisions in our world seem like too much to overcome, and we wonder if this forgiveness thing really works anymore. Maybe it worked for Jesus, but not for us.

People: Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.

Leader: We find ourselves tempted by easy answers and quick solutions, reticent to do the slow and difficult work of reconciliation.

People: Yet we are a people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us.

Leader: In this place, may we encounter Christ who meets us in the places where we want to give up, where we despair that life-giving change is even possible, with abundant grace to sustain us on the journey.

People: God, form us today as people of grace, called by Christ to forgive and repair the rifts between us. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2026.

***Opening Song** Come, Now is the Time to Worship Doerksen

Offering

Offertory “On Eagles Wings” Michael Joncas
Solo: Peggy Skok

***Doxology** Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 94

*Offertory Prayer

Children’s Message

Good News

Scripture 1 Corinthians 12:26; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Scott South
Ruth 1:7-17

Song of Praise The Servant Song TFWS 2222

Sermon Our Relationships Matter Pastor Misty Howick

Call To Prayer The Blessing Brown, Carnes, et al

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn** They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love TFWS 2223

*Benediction

***Postlude** “Shout to the Lord” Darlene Zschech
arr. Mark Hayes

*Please stand as you are able

Worship Service and Music		
Rev. Misty Howick Pastor	Jeffrey Conger, Sue Wilson, Scott South & Joanne Croft – Praise Team	Chaplain Kathy Norris Pastoral Assistant
Jeffrey Conger Director of Music	Randy Wilson Audio/Visual Manager	Alex Lunardi Accompanist