

September 18 - 8:30 am

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Wendy Harbarger

(please observe quiet time as we prepare for worship)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matt Gould

*HYMN NO. 375 *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 79:1-5

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

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OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

(Please put your completed communication card in the offering plate.)

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment (1 Timothy 6:17)

Offertory *Count Your Blessings* Mel Flower and Wendy Harbarger

*Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

*SCRIPTURE

1 Timothy 2:1-7

*GLORIA PATRIA

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.

MESSAGE

"Truth Be Told"

Rev. Joel Harbarger

*HYMN NO. 399

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PRAYER RESPONSE

He is Exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him.

He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise his name!

He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign;

Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.

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(permission CCLI 621794)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Alleluia

Chancel Choir

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Nuts and Candy - Order your nuts and candy now from the United Methodist Women. Please complete the order blank and return it along with your check payable to UMW by October 2nd to Jane Majors, Helen Ihle, Pam Kilburn or Toni McDonough. The UMW appreciates your support. Shipment is expected by November 1st.

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