



Faith Community United Methodist Church

5315 Harford Road
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Pastor Ronald S. Dodson Sr.

Sunday, July 26, 2026 9th Sunday After Pentecost
10:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

Keith Harmon

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME

Joan Sterlock

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Beloved, this is the core of our faith: nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

God's never-ending love surrounds us and calls us, assuring us that through God's love, all things will work together for God's good purposes.

Thanks be to God!

God's never-breaking love empowers us in the face of temptation, distress, division, and scarcity to hold onto our faith and work together for the flourishing of all God's good creation.

Thanks be to God!

Come, let us worship God who is Love, trusting that through joy and sorrow, happiness and despair, contentment and pain, Love will carry us through.

Thanks be to God who forms, connects, and guides us through Love. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** Hymn Sing!

PRAYER FOR FAITH:

Creator of all things, who rejoiced in your creation at the beginning of the world; forgive us our sins of greed, selfishness, and carelessness by which we daily damage the beauty to which we have become insensitive. We ask not only forgiveness, but also the power to turn away from our headlong course of destruction, and instead to share in your constant work of creation in preparation for the time when our kingdom comes to earth as it is in heaven. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who became part of your creation and gave his life for the whole world.

[Silent prayers of confession and forgiveness of others.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Receive this good news: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, for the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed us from the power of sin that leads to death. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God! AMEN.

We are ever growing in Christ, inviting each one to make a difference.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: UMH p. 6

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 29:15-28

HYMN: UMH #127 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 8:26-39

HYMN: "Depth of Mercy" [Worship & Song #3097]

1. Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy still reserved for me? Can my God his wrath forbear, me, the chief of sinners spare, me the chief of sinners spare?
2. There for me the Savior stands, shows his wounds and spreads his hands. God is love! I know, I feel; Jesus weeps and loves me still, Jesus weeps and loves me still.
3. Now incline me to repent, let me now my sins lament, now my foul revolt deplore, weep, believe, and sin no more, weep, believe, and sin no more.

*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God!

HYMN: FWS #2065 "More Precious than Silver"

WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

PRAISE REPORTS

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE OFFER THANKSGIVING

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY: UMH #95 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE DEPART TO SERVE

REMINDERS

BLESSING WITH A MISSION: Go now in the blessing and assurance that nothing can separate us from the love of God. May this good news inspire us all to take up the hard work of building community and acting for the flourishing of all our neighbors, because we do not act on our own—we act on the power of God's never-ending love. Amen.

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CLOSING HYMN: "God Is Good, All the Time" [Worship & Song #3026]

Refrain: God is good, God is good all the time. God is good, God is good all the time.

1. In our doubts, hopes and fears, joys and tears, God is good, God is good all the time. Refrain
2. When there's love to be found all around, God is good, God is good all the time. Refrain
3. As our thanks and our praise now we raise, God is good, God is good all the time.

Thought for your journey: *I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Psalm 12:1-2*

No matter what I go through, God is always with me.

Scripture Lessons for August 2, 2026

- Genesis 32:22-31
- Psalm 17:1-15
- Romans 9:1-5
- Matthew 14:13-21

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