

August 16, 2026
9:00AM & 11:00AM



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."
- Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

A Word about Today's Worship Service:

Last month, the Friends Church Youth Group traveled to Bentonville, Arkansas where they learned about economic justice. Today they will share what they learned, and how they plan to put that knowledge into practice back home.



WELCOME

Friends Church is an **Open & Affirming** congregation of the United Church of Christ. We welcome all people into the full life and ministry of our church—people of all ages, races, sexual orientations, gender identities, and abilities. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Childcare: We invite children to participate fully in our community and worship life. Children of all ages are welcome in worship or you may choose childcare, offered for ages 1-5 in the nursery down the hall through the piano side double doors.

Restrooms are located through the double doors on the piano side of the sanctuary. Gender assigned restrooms are straight down at the end of the hall, and a gender neutral restroom is to the immediate right.

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9:00AM Worship Service

Chiming of the Trinity

Words of Welcome

Dan De Leon

Prelude & Lighting of the Altar Candles

Simple Gifts - Traditional Shaker Hymn, arranged by Glenda Austin

***Call to Worship**

Dinah Anderson

One: Building a world where hunger and homelessness are history and every one has what they need to thrive

All: We were made for this.

One: Building a world where all people are treated with dignity and welcomed with open arms

All: We were made for this.

One: Building a world where no one is oppressed or discriminated against based on skin color, where they are born, what language they speak, how they identify, or who they love

All: We were made for this.

One: Building a world where rivers flow with clean water, the air is breathable for all, and God's good creation is cared for fully

All: We were made for this.

One: Let's go out, beloveds of God

All: With hands ready to serve, voices ready to seek justice, and hearts filled with love for all our neighbors.

***Opening Hymn No. 575**

Azmon

O for a World

***Prayer of Invocation**

Dinah Anderson

***Passing of the Peace**

Brooke Dooley

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

Many: And also with you!

Prayer of Illumination

Brooke Dooley

Children's Message

Dan De Leon

Hebrew Bible Reading

Esther 4:4-17, NRSV

Brooke Dooley

The Message: 2026 Youth Group Mission Trip Reflections

Brooke Dooley

Moment for Reflection

Prayers of The People & Lighting of Candles for Intercessions

Dan De Leon

Invitation to Share

Dinah Anderson

Offertory

Jesus Loves Me - William B. Bradbury, arranged by Martha Mier

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts,
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts,
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Brooke Dooley

Mysterious Love, may our offerings flow, uninhibited, towards justice. May the bereaved be consoled, the lonely be accompanied, and those who are downtrodden by systems of cruelty be defended. Amen.

Observance of Holy Communion

Dan De Leon

I Love to Tell the Story - William G. Fischer, arranged by Mary McDonald

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Dan De Leon

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

*Closing Hymn No. 562

Talavera Terrace

Take My Gifts

*Benediction

Brooke Dooley

One: Our worship has ended and now our service begins

All: Let's do service and justice in ways that are relational, sustainable, and dignity affirming.

One: Together with God and each other, we will build a world where love gets the loudest and last word.

All: We were made for this.

One: Go in peace. Amen.

*Sung Response No. 181 (verse 2 only)

Bring Forth

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

Postlude

All People That on Earth Do Dwell - Arranged by Lloyd Larson

11:00AM Worship Service

Chiming of the Trinity

Words of Welcome

Chloe Gutierrez

Prelude & Lighting of the Altar Candles

*Simple Gifts/This is the Day - Traditional Hymns, arr. by Nancy & Randall Faber
(Aiden Gonzalez, piano)*

*Call to Worship

Noah Verdegaaal

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Lucy Stull

Children's Message

Chloe Gutierrez, Declyn Leopold, Chance Roblyer

A Summary Of The 2026 Summer Mission Trip

Aiden Gonzalez, Chloe Gutierrez, Declyn Leopold, Chance Roblyer

*Passing the Peace

Chloe Gutierrez

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

Many: And also with you!

First Reading

Numbers 27:2-11 , NRSV

Lucy Stull

Choral Anthem: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (Prayer of St. Francis) - Sebastian Temple, arranged by Mark Hayes

*Make me a channel of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love,
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in You.
Make me a channel of Your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope,
where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.
Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to
be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.
Make me a channel of Your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giv-
ing of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.*

Second Reading

Esther 4:4-17, NRSV

Ruthie De Leon

The Message: Q&A with the Youth Group Missioners

Moment for Reflection

Slide Show Presentation From 2026 Mission Trip

Invitation to Share

Oliver Beer

Offertory

Romance – Jean Becker (Oliver Beer, clarinet; Ian Beer, piano)

***Doxology**

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Observance of Holy Communion

Lucy Stull, Chloe Gutierrez, Declyn Leopold
*Piano Concerto No. 2 in F Major, Opus 102, Second Movement: Andante - Dmitri
Shostakovich (Ruthie De Leon, piano)*

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Declyn Leopold

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and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
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Recognition of Adult Chaperones

Brooke Dooley

Introduction of New Youth

Brooke Dooley

Announcements

Dan De Leon

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Postlude

Robin Redbreast (from Summer Dreams) - Amy Beach (Ruthie De Leon, piano)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Year-Long Weekly Bible Study, Aug 17 & 18: Join us for a 48-week study going through the entire Bible, meeting weekly at Friends Church: Mondays at 11:30am, or Tuesdays at 6:30pm. Whether the midday offering on Mondays or the evening one on Tuesdays fits best with your schedule, you are welcome to attend either. The readings for Week 28 (Aug. 17 & 18) are First Samuel, chapters 21-31; Psalms 64, 88, 142; Acts, chapters 24-28; John, chapter 6. For more information, contact Pastor Dan.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK: The 2026-27 year of classes at 10am on Sundays starts today, Aug. 16. Here's info about weekly faith formation and spiritual development for children, youth, and adults.

Children: grades K-2 – Teachers: Anne Wehrly & Doris Machinski
Location : First classroom next to kitchen (North side)

Children: grades 3-5 – Teachers: Hannah Alexander & Isaac Montgomery
Location: Music room next to childcare

Youth: grades 6-12 – Teachers: Mary Howell & Robin Miller
Location: End of hall by kitchen (North side)

Adults: Social Justice Class – Coordinators: Jodie Robinson & Nancy Bertsch
Location: Left side of double classroom across from church office

Adults: Morning Manna – Teacher: Trent Williams
Location: Right side of double classroom across from church office

For more announcements and the full calendar, scan the QR code:



Weekly Calendar

Mon. 8/17: Bible Study, 11:30am
Church Council, 6:00pm
Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm
Tues. 8/18: Staff Meeting, 10:30am
Bible Study, 6:30pm
Wed. 8/19: Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Scriptures for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Aug 23: 1 Samuel 14:49-51; 18:17-21, 29; Mark 12:28-34