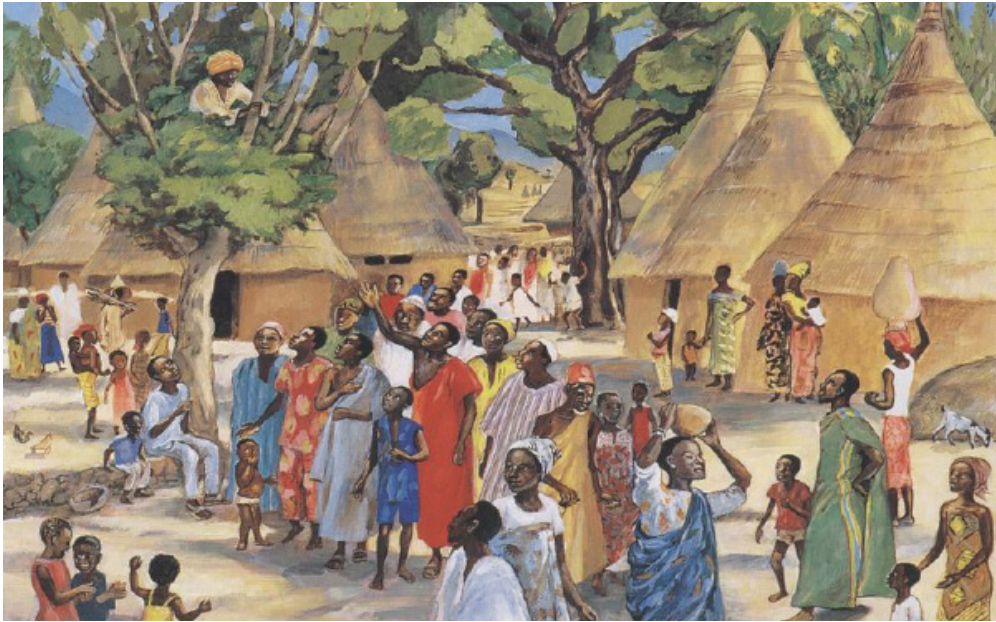


August 30, 2026
9:00AM & 11:00AM



Zaccheus Welcomes Jesus
JESUS MAFA, 1973

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Quote for Meditation:

"It appears we do not know who we are except by opposition and exclusion."
—Fr. Richard Rohr



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.

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9:00AM Worship Service

Chiming of the Trinity

Words of Welcome

Brooke Dooley

Prelude & Lighting of the Altar Candles

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing - Arranged by Matt Limbaugh

*Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 105)

Becky Burks

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*Opening Hymn (insert)

Nettleton

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Prayer of Invocation

Becky Burks

*Passing of the Peace

Brooke Dooley

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

Many: And also with you!

Prayer of Illumination

Kyle Riley

Children's Message

Brooke Dooley

Gospel Reading

Luke 19:1-10 (The Inclusive Bible)

Kyle Riley

The Message

"An Open Table"

Kyle Riley

Silent Prayer & Meditation

Prayers of The People & Lighting of Candles for Intercessions

Brooke Dooley

Offertory

Come, Christians, Join to Sing - Traditional Spanish Melody (Arranger Unknown)

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
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Praise God the source of all our gifts,
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts,
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***Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

Brooke Dooley

Holy One, we present these offerings to you in hope and love. May they be a gift in our community and the world. May they spread hope and love. And, may they witness to your abundant and generous creation. Amen.

***The Lord's Prayer (unison)**

Brooke Dooley

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.

Announcements

Brooke Dooley

***Closing Hymn No. 448**

Vienna

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

***Benediction**

Kyle Riley

***Sung Response No. 181 (verse 2 only)**

Bring Forth

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

Postlude

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Invitation to Confession

Kyle Riley

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Kyle Riley

Redeemer and Guide, we travel with you because you never leave us.

Yet, sometimes we drift from the path of life you give us.

Rather than holding fast to what is good, we compromise with evil.

Rather than persevering in prayer, we dwell in anger, rage, and conspiracies.

Rather than sharing our blessings and pursuing hospitality,
we hoard the resources you have given us to share.

Help us to live in love and harmony with one another.

Empower us to pursue peace for all.

Let us overcome and overwhelm evil with good, compassion,
and hope in your name. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Kyle Riley

Passing of the Peace

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*Hymn of Response (insert)

Kelvingrove

Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)

Hebrew Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 25:14-19, 23-25, 32-34, 42-43 (The Inclusive Bible)
Rick Smitherman

Choral Anthem: I Choose Love - *Mark A. Miller* (Ericallynn Cannon, soprano)

In the midst of pain, I choose love. In the midst of pain, I choose love. In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain, I await the sun again, I choose love. I choose love.

In the midst of war, I choose peace. In the midst of war, I choose peace. In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score, I will seek the good once more, I choose peace. I choose peace.

When my world falls down, I will rise. When my world falls down, I will rise. When my world falls down, explanations can't be found, I will climb to holy ground, I will rise. I will rise.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Year-Long Weekly Bible Study: No Class This Week

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 30 (Sept. 8) are Second Samuel, chapters 11-24; First Chronicles, chapters 20-29; Psalms 32, 51, 93; Second Thessalonians, the whole book; John, chapters 9-10. Note: Classes will take a break this week and resume the first full week of September. Also, due to Labor Day falling on Sept. 7, the Monday class will not be offered that week; only the Tuesday class will meet, 6:30pm, Sept. 8. For more information, contact Pastor Dan.

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

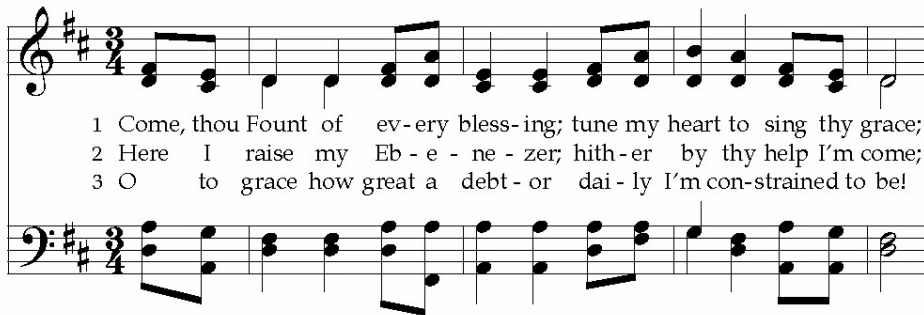


Weekly Calendar

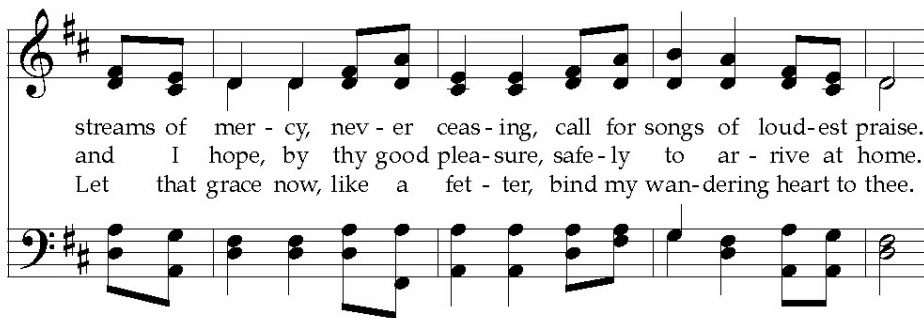
Mon. 8/31: Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm
Tues. 9/1: Staff Meeting, 10:30am
Mental Health Walk, 5:00pm
Wed. 9/2: Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Scriptures for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Sept. 6: Exodus 12:1-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



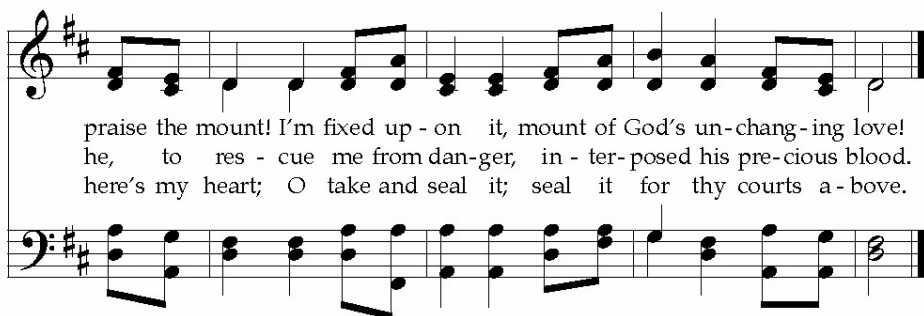
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)



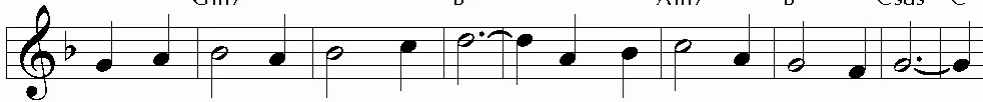
1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
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Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

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will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.