



Sunday, September 20, 2026 Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost



Fellowship Host:

September 20th - Vicky Cairns

September 27th - Oceans Calling (*no fellowship*)

October 4th - Country Calling (*no fellowship*)

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"Astonished"

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Order of Worship Sunday, September 20, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Please prepare yourself for worship in quiet prayer.

We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds

They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! Jesus commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

(Mark 1:27-28)

Welcome and Announcements

Barbara Kipila

Prelude

Choral Introit "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Call to Worship *(adapted from Isaiah 61:1-4)*

Karen Eberle

One: Let us gather to celebrate our God.

ALL: Praise God, maker of heaven and earth.

One: Praise Jesus, our Lord who saves.

ALL: Praise the Spirit, who fills us from the inside.

One: The Spirit anoints us.

ALL: Through the Spirit, there is good news for us all.

One: Through the Spirit, there is liberty and release.

ALL: This is the year of the Lord's favor. Praise God!

***Hymn: "Let All Things Now Living"**

#554 in Blue Hymnal

Calendar

Today: Deacons Meeting for today, Sept 20th, has been canceled. Next scheduled Deacons Meeting is, Oct 18th, immediately after Sunday church service. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused anyone.

M Jonelle Jones

Deacon Chairperson

September 22nd Lunch Bunch 11:30 am:

South Gate Grill

September 25th -27th Oceans Calling

October 2nd, 3rd & 4th. Country Calling

Announcements

Please let us know if there are any corrections needed for the church directory.

Please let the church office know if you would like to continue to receive worship bulletins by email before the service.

The next quarter of *Our Daily Bread* is now available in the church hallway. Please take one and read it as your devotional. The copies had gone missing, so we have to wait longer than usual.

Pastor Jon will be out of the office next week. Please direct any needs to our church office at ocmdpresbyterian@gmail.com.

Chancel vases for dedications

If you wish to dedicate sanctuary flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, please complete a "Sanctuary Flower Dedication Form" and place in offering plate or contact the office. Please enter your request in sufficient time so that flowers can be ordered and your dedication arrives in time to be printed in the bulletin.

CHANCEL VASES.... \$30.00 EACH

BASKET OF FLOWERS..... \$40.00

BUD VASE OF 3 FLOWERS...\$22.50

Thank you for helping to make our sanctuary a place of beauty as we worship God while honoring our loved ones with flowers. *Marty Cropper*

Current Prayer Concerns

Dee Lebo

Dawn Butler

We will keep each prayer request printed here for four weeks. If there is a continuing need or a change of situation, please notify the church office.

Flowers Dedication

A chancel vase of flowers is dedicated to Bill Greenwood on the 15th anniversary of his passing into heaven on September 20, 2011. He is missed every day by Donna, Chris and Jamie.

Call to Confession *(based on Romans 5)*

In the light of God's love and grace, we recognize our own failings. God has been strong, but we have been weak. We have tried to solve life's problems on our own, when only God's power can lead us forward. Our own efforts leave us disappointed every time. For all our shortcomings, we confess our sin before God.

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Our God, we have heard of your glory, but we see the mistakes of our own lives. We have made wrong decisions that have damaged us and those around us. We have tried to strengthen ourselves, to the detriment of your world. Our own attempts prove futile, because our eyes cannot guide us, and our own minds cannot imagine a way forward, unless you are with us. For all this and more, we ask for your forgiveness.

A time for silent meditation

Assurance of Pardon

God proves love to us in this – that Jesus Christ died for the ungodly, including every one of us. Through Christ, we are reconciled. Through Christ, we are saved from whatever has separated us from God or from each other. The forces of death and sin will never prevail against God's church, or against any one of us. Friends, filled with the Holy Spirit, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Hallelujah! Amen.**

***Gloria Patri** *(unison)*

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*The words are available
on the laminated sheets in each pew.*

***Passing the Peace**

Please turn to your neighbor and pass the peace of Christ

Moment for Mission World Communion Sunday

Barbara Kipila

Offering

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*** Doxology** *(unison)*

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Prayer of Dedication

Choral Anthem "The Nail-Scarred Hand"

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

O God, may our ears be open to your truth. May
these words lead us to follow you.

May we learn of your everlasting life, and
become courageous enough to live to our
fullest in the midst of your teaching. Amen.

1st Scripture reading: Acts 2:1-7

*Betsy Kipila
page #1078 in pew Bible*

2nd Scripture reading: Acts 2:37-42

*Pastor Jon Berquist
page # 1079 in pew Bible*

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Time with Children & Youth

Pastor Jon Berquist

Sermon: "Astonished"

Pastor Jon Berquist

***Hymn: "Fairest Lord Jesus"**

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***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed** *(unison)*

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
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on 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
Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the
Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn: "Help Us Accept Each Other"**

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Charge

Benediction

Response "Three-Fold Amen"

Postlude

*** Please rise in body or in spirit.**

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