

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Word and Table
August 23, 2026 at 11:00am

GATHERING IN PRAISE

The Chiming of the Worship Hour

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

“Take the World, but Give Me Jesus” arr. Cook

The Introit

“Victory in Jesus” arr. Mauldin

The Invocation

****The Opening Hymn***

“I Stand Amazed in the Presence” No. 371 (vv. 1, 4, 5)

The Intercessory Prayers

The light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Lord in your mercy, **hear our 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.

****The Congregational Hymn***

“There Is a Balm in Gilead” No. 375 (v. 1)

The Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow” arr. Labenske

****The Doxology***

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Children’s Moments

****The Prayer for Illumination***

****The Scripture Lesson***

1 Samuel 1:1-18

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“The Word Was God” arr. Powell

The Sermon

“Samuel: Hannah Had No Child”

RESPONDING IN FAITH

****The Hymn of Response***

“It Is Well with My Soul” No. 377 (vv. 1, 2)

****The Apostles’ Creed***

No. 881

****The Gloria Patri***

SENDING FORTH

****The Hymn of Invitation***

“Standing on the Promises” No. 374 (vv. 1,4)

****The Congregational Blessing***

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

****Postlude***

“How Firm a Foundation” arr. Berry

The flowers on the Altar are dedicated to the Glory of God
and given by Anna and Kenny Dill
in loving memory of her parents

Zolon Marion Looney (February 23, 1916 – August 18, 2003) and
Jewell Castle Looney (October 7, 1921 – November 25, 2004).

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

School Supply Drive – Our annual school supply drive for our Blessing Box began on August 2nd. Place your donations in the box in the back of the sanctuary or purchase from Amazon and have the items sent to the church.

Wednesday Night Meal & Discipleship – Our regular Wednesday Night programming for all ages have resumed. The meal will begin at 5:15 p.m. and programming will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Worship Training – Brother Chad will continue to train liturgists, scripture readers, Communion servers, and ushers today, August 23 at 12:15 p.m. If you are unable to attend the trainings but are interested, please contact Brother Chad.

Mission Trip – Join us for a mission trip to El Salvador on March 6–13, 2027. The price is \$750 per person. A deposit of \$100.00 will be due on September 1 with the remaining balance due on December 31, 2026. The group will stay at the Methodist Mission, and projects will include church construction, food distribution and Vacation Bible School. Contact Julie, Stacy or Chad for more information.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings will be held in the church library

Aug 25 at 6:00 p.m. – **Leadership Council**
Sept 21 at 4:30 p.m. – **CDC Board**

MID-WEEK ACTIVITIES

Tuesday

5:00 p.m. Revive Study Group

Wednesday

11:00 a.m. Mid-Week Study

12:00 p.m. Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

5:15 p.m. Wednesday Night Meal – All Ages Welcome

6:00 p.m. Small Groups
(Youth Fellowship, Lighthouse Kids, Adults)

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Rev. Dr. Ken Pickens, Pastor to Youth
Rachel Wood, Minister of Music
Stacy Hays, Director of Family Ministries
Seth Matlock, Pianist