

WITNESS

telling our stories, offering expressions of faith, being Christ-like

{Together}

OUR CALENDARS bear witness to something. To what or to whom is up to us. Looking ahead liturgically (with a bit of the civil calendar mixed in):

September 7 (Monday)	Labor Day
September 6 - 27	Season of Creation Fall begins (Wednesday the 23 rd)
September 20	Rachel preaching Homecoming Service on Eastern Shore Rev. Alexa Slonin preaching
September 28 – October 1	Rachel vacation days
October 4	World Communion Sunday Rev. Melody Porter preaching Francis of Assisi Feast Day
October 5 – October 31	Blessing of the Animals details TBD A Season of Saints Charge Conference (10 th) Rev. Meredith McNabb preaching (11 th) Laity Sunday (18 th) Halloween (Saturday the 31 st)
November 1	All Saints Sunday
November 8	Extended Advent begins
November 22	Christ the King Sunday
November 26	Thanksgiving
November 29	Year C of the lectionary cycle begins Happy Christian New Year!
December 24 (Thursday)	Christmas Eve
December 25 (Friday)	Christmas Day
December 31 (Thursday)	New Year's Eve

On the Cover: King Solomon sculpture, torah-art.net.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world (Matthew 28).

Boulevard United Methodist Church



We who are Gentiles are also in this text. Solomon speaks of the "foreigner" who will pray "towards this house." We Gentiles are included in God's mercy and have access to God even at this early stage of Israel's history. Such inclusion is reason for thanksgiving and humility.

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Order of Worship for 13th Sunday After Pentecost
11:00 AM

(UMH) - The United Methodist Hymnal
(TFWS) - The Faith We Sing

* Please stand, as able.

Gathering

Introit *Listen to Your Children Praying*

*Call to Worship

How lovely are the dwelling places of God!

Let God find a home in our hearts.

Blessed are those who dwell in God's house.

Let our worship and our friendship be safe places.

You are blessed when you find your strength in the Lord.

Let us turn now to the living God in worship and praise.

*Hymn *A Mighty Fortress* 110 UMH

Prayers of the People
Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer
Interlude

Proclamation and Response

Time with Children

First Reading I Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43

Gospel Reading John 6:56-69

Anthem *Be Strong in the Lord*

Epistle Lesson Ephesians 6:10-20

Sermon Rev. Alexa Slonin

*Hymn *Standing on the Promises* 374 UMH

Offering Tithes and Gifts

Offertory *Praise God for this Holy Ground*

*Doxology (94 UMH)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending Forth

*Hymn *Sent Out in Jesus' Name*

2184 TFWS

*Benediction

NURTURE

caring for one another, for our space, and for our growth as disciples

{Inward}

WE ARE PRAYING for...Occasionally our list begins anew. Wish to add or restore a name to this printed list? Say so via the offering plate or the church's e-mail address.

REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY READINGS typically shape our order of service, including the sermon. If you'd like to prepare:

Next Sunday—14th Sunday after Pentecost

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Psalms 45:1-2, 6-9

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}

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