

*Let Us Worship the Lord  
in Spirit and Truth!*

\*Standing, as able

Prelude Heidi Jacobs

Greeting One Another in Christ: "Shalom to You" UM Hymnal #666

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 32 adapt. (The Message) Carol Anne Kaye

Count yourself blessed, how happy you must be—  
You get a fresh start, your slate's wiped clean!

**God holds nothing against us,**

**And we're holding nothing back from God!**

When I kept it all inside, my bones turned to powder,

**My words became daylong groans.**

Then I let it all out; I said, "I'll make a clean confession of my failures to God."

**Suddenly the pressure was gone—**

**My guilt dissolved, my sin disappeared.**

God-defiers are always in trouble;

**God-affirmers find themselves loved every time they turn around.**

Celebrate God! Sing together, everyone!

**All honest hearts, let us raise the roof!**

\*Singing Praises: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" UMH #64  
(congregational request)

\*Opening Prayer

The Church in Ministry (Announcements)

Good News from the Law: Genesis 17:1-11, 15-19 NRSV

Good News from the Epistle: Romans 4:1-12 NRSV

Good News for Children

Maya Berry

A Moment for Mission: Uganda and Ethiopia

Berry Family

\*Good News from the Gospel: Luke 12:32-40 NRSV

\*Hymn of Response: "Eagles Wings" (cong. request)

UMH #143

\*Affirmation of Faith from Romans 8:35, 37-39

UMH #887

Sermon: "Covenant Signs"

Pastor Bruce

Prayers of the People with Pastoral Prayer

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, for your grace, **we give our thanks.**

The Lord's Prayer (ecumenical version)

UMH #894

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Worshipping God with our Gifts (Tithes and Offerings)

Offering in Song: "Be Thou My Vision"

Andrea Quinones

\*Praising the Triune God

UMH #94

**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

Hymn of Discipleship: "Precious Name"

UMH #463

\*Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

Heidi Jacobs

## Welcome to Pender United Methodist Church

If you are visiting with us, we are grateful that you have chosen to be our guests in worship.

If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to check out our weekly schedule on the front of this bulletin and our updated activities at our website: [www.penderumc.org](http://www.penderumc.org).

If our pastor or staff can help you in any way, please feel free to contact us using the information below.

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9th Sunday after Pentecost  
August 10, 2025

### Weekly Schedule

Sunday Worship	10:00 am, sanctua
Adult Sunday School	9:00 am, room 2:
Youth Sunday School	10:15 a
Children's Sunday School	10:15 a
Impact Youth	Sun. 5:00 pm, youth roo
Praying Our Faith	Sun. 9:00 am, room 2:
Fun with Music (young children)	Mon. 10:00 am, room 202-21
Mary Martha Circle	Mon. 7:00 pm, Zoo
Bible Study	Tues. 7:00 pm & Thurs. 10:00 am, libra
Handbell Rehearsals	Tues. 6:45 pm, sanctua
Ruth Circle	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month 9:30a
AA Meetings	Wed. 6:00 pm, libra
Lectio Divina Prayer Group ( <a href="https://penderumc.org/prayer/">https://penderumc.org/prayer/</a> )	Thurs. Zoo
Choir Rehearsal	Thurs, 6:30 pm, sanctua