

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 23, 2026
This Service is Live-streamed
Text prayer requests to 307-429-0339

Prelude

Morning Prayer

Faithful God, you meet us in the places where our lives are uncertain and our faith is tested. Give us the courage to wrestle honestly with our questions, our fears, and the things that hold us back. When we feel weak, remind us that your presence is stronger than our struggles. Transform us through those encounters so we may leave changed and ready to follow you. Receive our worship today and bless us with the faith to walk faithfully into whatever comes next. Amen.

Welcome

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: We gather in the quiet of anticipation, seeking an encounter with our living God.

People: God comes to us in the dark night, when we wrestle with our fears and our past.

Leader: He meets us at the riverbanks of our struggle and holds fast through the pain.

People: We will not let go until You bless us, O Lord.

Leader: As the morning sun rises, let our hearts raise a song of praise.

People: For God has delivered us through the night and given us safe passage. Let us worship God together!

***Hymn:** *Come, O Traveler Unknown* #386 (UMH)

***Hymn:** *Holy Ground* x2 #2272 (FWS)

Invitation to Prayer Text prayers to 307-429-0339
Sharing the Prayers of God's People
Silent Prayer
Lord's Prayer (using "sins")

***Hymn:** *Spirit of the Living God* x2 #393 (UMH)

Expressions of Discipleship

Offertory

***Doxology** #94 (UMH)

***Community Prayer**

God of power and glory, as we bring our tithes and offerings to be dedicated to the building of your kingdom here on earth, we are reminded of all the blessings we have received. As we hear again the story of Jacob wrestling with the stranger to receive his blessing, remind us that the best blessings come when we are working hard, breaking a sweat, getting our hands dirty working for justice, compassion, and mercy for all your children. Steer us away from being content with the blessings that require little effort. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Time with the Children

Scripture Reading: Genesis 32:22-32

A Witness: Wrestling with the Holy

***Hymn:** *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* x2 #334 (UMH)

Benediction / Postlude

*Please stand as you are comfortable.
Assisted Listening Devices Available

Those Serving Today

Liturgist: Barbara Cipolla

Ushers: Don & Kathy Winkelmann

Presentation: Barbie Flack

Soundboard: Mike Flack

Streaming: Diane Hall

Offering Team: Kathy Winkelmann & Tena Taylor

Music Leader: Robin Humphrey

Fellowship: Ritterbush & Graham Families, Janice Wetherington

Nursery: Carole Anne Conrad

Church Bell Ringer: Janet Ruleaux

Flowers: Beth Lenz (For the Glory of God)

Announcements

Pastor Jim's cell # (307) 751-8945

If you are a guest, welcome! Please fill out one of our Guest Forms and place it on the offering plate.

Church Directory Review: During Fellowship please review your information for accuracy in a draft copy of the New Church Directory. Then sign up for a copy of the printed directory.

Lunch Together Aug. 24 - 28: If you would like to volunteer the sign up sheet is on the Welcome Table or you may contact the church office.

Office Volunteers Needed: While Skye is on vacation we need volunteers to cover the office from 9:00 - 1:00 am, September 8-10 & 14-17. The sign up sheet is on the Welcome Table.

Church Picnic Potluck- Bring your favorite dish to share after worship service, next Sunday, August 30th. Join us for food and fellowship.

Worship in the Park - Save the date, September 20th.

Here's What's Happening This Week:

8/24 - Nothing Scheduled

8/25- 9:00 am The Closet Open

8/26 - 10:00 am Upper Room Coffee Hour

8/27- 10:30 am UWF Leadership Meeting

8/28 - Nothing Scheduled

8/29 - Nothing Scheduled

8/30- 8:00 am Hand Bells Practice

9:30 am Worship Service

Happy Birthday

Elaine Henry 8/25; Vyolet Ray 8/25;

Jenny Wagner 8/26; Tina Klinkosh 8/29

Happy Anniversary

Tim & Sherry Graham 8/25

Herb & Leigh Howard 8/27

July 2026 Financial Numbers:

July Income \$13,273

July Expenses \$16,332

YTD Income \$111,302

YTD Expenses \$118,617

Endowment Book Value \$37,926

Endowment Market Value \$49,704