



**CENTER BRUNSWICK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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August 25th, 2024
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE: As The Deer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: Holy Ground

#2272

SILENT PRAYER

***HYMN: Holy, Holy**

#2039

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Who do you seek here in this place?

P: We seek God, the Creator, who brought us to life.

L: Who has told you about God?

P: Jesus Christ has shown us the love of God through his life.

L: Discipleship is difficult. Are you ready?

P: We want to be ready. God, strengthen and sustain us this day.

Amen.

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

God, we have come to pray, worship, and receive healing and hope. We come from the struggles and triumphs of the week. God, be with us this day. Calm and soothe our souls. Call us to rejoice that you have provided a space to gather to talk of your presence and love. Here in this place, we sing your praises and are empowered to serve you. Amen.

Reflection: The Story of “It Is Well With My Soul”

By Horatio Gates Spafford

Read by Marie Himes

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

John 6:56-69

THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED

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GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kindom 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 kindom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN: Blessed Assurance**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Great is the Lord

**Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*

Center Brunswick Birthdays & Anniversaries

27--Kylee Marie Lewis

28--Anthony Burden, Lyndsay Eddy, Milo Hyde

31--Sheila Sullivan

God of every season, even now, we sense the promise of autumn creeping in. Days are growing shorter. Children are returning to school routines. Time moves ever faster, it seems, yet you remain constant—always with us, urging us into your holy presence. Help us to draw nearer to your gracious heart as we seek to become a more complete and faithful church family.

Amen.

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Through our offerings, we are invited to put God first in our lives, showing our gratitude and commitment. God has blessed us with an abundance of gifts. We are called to offer all we are to God—our bodies, spirits, minds, time, and money. As the body of Christ, we are called to be in ministry with others. With true generosity, let us give of ourselves this morning.

<https://tithe.ly/give?c=1464479>

Eternal God, as we bring forth our offerings today, we are reminded of your enduring presence among us. With hearts full of gratitude, we offer these gifts as a symbol of our commitment to live lives of worship, not just within these walls but in every moment of our existence. May our actions, our words, and our very lives be a testament to your glory, shining forth your love and grace to all we encounter. Amen.