Prelude "Autumn"

Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship

"Halle, Halle, Halleluja"

2026

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja!

Halle, Halle, Halleluja!

Halleluja! Halluluja!

Invocation

Worship in Song

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

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Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of Glory, Lord of Love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

"Amazing Grace"

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Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Joys and Concerns

Congregational 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 in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Anthem "Come, Christians Join to Sing" Larsen

Scripture Exodus 2:1-10

Message "The Plot Twist" Rev. Leslie Frietch

Invitation to Commitment

"Goodness of God"

I love You, Lord, Oh Your mercy never fails me All my days, I've been held in Your hands From the moment that I wake up, Until I lay my head Oh I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful All my life You have been so, so good With every breath that I am able Oh I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire In the darkest night, You are close like no other I've known You as a Father, I've known You as a friend I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful All my life You have been so, so good With every breath that I am able Oh I will sing of the goodness of God

(2x)

'Cause Your goodness is running, it's running after me Your goodness is running, it's running after me With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now, I give You everything

THE APOSTLES' CREED, TRADITIONAL

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

Offertory "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Doxology

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

Benediction

"Gloria Patri"

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Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. **Amen.**

Postlude "Autumn"

Opportunities for the Week Sunday, September 14th

8:30 a.m. - Coffee Time – Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m. - Sunday School

10:00 a.m. - Worship in Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 16th

5:30 p.m. – Church Council Meeting – Conference Room

Wednesday, September 17th

7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice - Sanctuary

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Wednesday Night Gathering

Church Office Closed Fridays

Current Opportunities

Pantry

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Donations needed. Please drop off donations at church office.

United Women in Faith will be taking preorders for Screamin Owl Salsa & Pepper Jelly. Please Contact: Chris Nolen to place an order (318) 315-0793 or there will be a preorder signup sheet in the foyer of the church.

Upcoming Opportunities

Be Part of the Story: A Crash Course in Leading Word, Prayer and Table – Sunday, September 21st at 11a.m., in the Sanctuary. Discover how your voice, your hands and your heart can serve in worship.

Toys for Joy – Christmas will be sneaking up on us. Please donate to the Toys for Joy Fund for the church to be able to help make Christmas a little brighter for community kids and families in need. Contact: Vicki Isgitt (318) 471-7596 or Church Office (318)256-3632.

Nursery

All children are welcome in worship! Our calm room and restroom with diaper changing table is available in the back of the sanctuary. If the nursery is needed, please ask the usher for assistance. Thank you.

CHURCH CLOSING SCHEDULE

Sept. 14 – Simpson Sept. 21 – Spiller

Sept. 28 – Vicki & Suzanne

Oct. 5 - Voorheis

Prayer Concerns

To keep our Prayer List current, we plan to RE-SET it at the beginning of every month. If you know someone who needs to be placed on or remain on the prayer list for another month, please call the church office at 318-256-3632. In the evenings or on weekends call our Pastor, Rev. Leslie Frietch. She may be reached by cell phone 704-915-9469 or email her at: revlesliefrietch@gmail.com

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

If we missed your special day, please let us know.

Bret Courtney

Julianne Boudreaux

GIVING

In addition to our offertory, online giving is available through our website fume-many.com or scan QR code
You can give to different funds just specify which fund. Checks can be mailed to
P. O. Box 1210 Many, LA 71449.
Please call church office for additional assistance at 318-256-3632. Thank you.



Monthly Financial Update

Amount Needed Monthly: \$ 17,487 Received in August \$ 12,787 Received in September \$ 5,495

Year to Date Total

Unwritten: When the Story Isn't What You Expected Week 2: The Plot Twist

Scripture: Exodus 2:1-10



Focus: When life doesn't go as expected, God is still writing. The basket moments of surrender become the very places where God's surprising

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grace and redemption unfold.

Reflection Questions for the Week?

- 1. What is one time in your life when your story took an unexpected turn? How did you see God at work later?
- 2. Jochebed placed Moses in the basket, trusting God with what she could not control. What "basket" might you need to place in God's hands today?
- 3. How do you usually respond when your plans fall apart? With fear? Frustration? or Trust?
- 4. Pharoah's daughter became an unlikely rescuer. Who are the "unexpected people" God ha used to help guide or protect your life?
- 5. How does the resurrection of Jesus (the greatest plot twist) give you confidence when facing your own unwritten chapters?

Suggested Spiritual Practice: The Basket Prayer

Each day this week, write down one worry, fear, or burden on a small piece of paper. Place it in a bowl, basket, or jar as an act of release. Pray, "Lord, I trust You to carry what I cannot." At the end of the week, look back at your "basket" and thank God for being present in your story.

Prayer to Carry with you:

Lord, You are the Author of my story.

When my plans unravel, remind me that Your hand is steady.

Give me courage to let go of what I cannot control and faith to believe You are still writing.

Turn my endings into beginnings, and my fears into trust.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2025

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