

June 14, 2026: 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

~~ GATHERING BEFORE GOD ~~

**GREETINGS ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ JOYS ~ CONCERNS
~ GOD MOMENTS~**

† **HYMN** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" **UMH #139**
The Light of Christ Enters

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Holy Lord who calls us to joy in You,
Open our ears to Your word, awaken our hearts to
Your love, and renew our spirits with Your presence,
That in taking time to welcome You in hospitality,
we share wonder and laughter brought on by
Your grace in our midst. Amen.

~~ PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD ~~

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

† **HYMN** "Blessed Assurance" **UMH #369**

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 **UMH #837**

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 5:1-8

CHORAL HYMN "Children of the Heavenly Father"
UMH #141

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 9:35-10:8

INTERACTIVE TIME

† **HYMN** "Sent Out in Jesus' Name" **TFWS #2184**

MESSAGE "A Miracle Called Laughter"

~~ RESPONDING IN THE SPIRIT ~~

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Traditional) **UMH #881**

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

† **Doxology** **UMH #95**

OFFERTORY / PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER **UMH #895**

"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." James 5:16

~~ *SENDING FORTH* ~~

† **HYMN "Standing on the Promises"** UMH #374
The Light of Christ Leads Us into the World

† **BENEDICTION**

† Postlude "Go Forth for God" UMH #670

† *Standing as you are able to the glory of God*

Scriptures for June 21, 2026 (4th Sunday after Pentecost):

Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Romans 6:1b-11;
Matthew 10:24-39

Thank you for joining us for worship.

~~ *ANNOUNCEMENTS* ~~

TODAY:

9:00 am Worship – Georgetown UMC

11:00 am Worship – Oxford Vets Home
potluck lunch to follow

WEEKLY / BIWEEKLY / MONTHLY:

- † **Pastor in the office** – Wed 11 am to 2 pm, Thurs 1-4 pm
- † **Administrative Board** – Georgetown, 3rd Sunday 8:15 am;
South Otselic, 4th Sunday 11:45(ish) am – *no June mtg SO*
- † **Food Pantry** – 3rd Thursday each month 3-6 pm
Special requests call Kevin Grewe 607-337-8941
- † **Sunshine Shop** Thu & Fri 10-4; Sat 9-noon
– Next open Jun 18-20, July 9-11, July 23-25
– For emergency clothing, call 315-653-7490.
- † **Community Lunch** – 1st & 3rd Thursdays, noon, South
Otselic UMC; *upcoming: Jun 18 with updates re: AI*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- † **Baccalaureate** – June 25, 6:30 pm
- † **Rummage Sale** – July 9-11, South Otselic UMC
- † **Church picnic** – Church picnic – July 19, 906 Upham
Road, Georgetown; Service at 10 am, meal following

Please bring chair, table setting, dish to pass, & beverage

† **VBS** – August 3-7, South Otselic UMC

PRAYER LIST: (Short Term):

From 6/7 – Fran Knickerbocker, family of Wendall Peaslee

From 5/31 – Lonnie Hakes, Chris Marquard, Christopher Marquard, Emily Sheldon

From 5/24 – Marjorie Davis, Darlene Engle, Neda Swords, family of Marshall Sepello, graduates, travelers, Memorials

From 5/17 – David Dunham, Fran Knickerbocker, family of Craig Natoli, Maine silo fire victims, Nelson UMC

(Long Term): Jonna Bartlett, Richard Bishop, David Boyer, Ron Colasudo, Kaity Davis, Doug Evans, Linda Excell, Ted Gargas, Kevin Grewe, Roger Hakes, Chuck Hathaway, Fran Knickerbocker, Patti Lamandia, Diane MacGregor, Cassandra & Christopher Marquard, Chris Marquard, Maverick Mesko, Aaron Miller, Phil Mudge, Mitch Mullenax, Jenny Naber, Elaine Perkins, John & Carole Roalef, Kate Robinson, Justin Sheldon, Matt & Annette Sheldon, Cathy Silver, Ella Simmons, Jim Slocum, Harvey Stalker, Normajean Stark, Kenneth Sullivan, Angela (Graves) Szlamczynski, David Wentworth

Travel mercies for family and friends

Our men and women in the military

World leaders, our country, & the need for peace

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS:

June: 15-Kenneth Gavin; 19-Ron Graham;

26-Kirsten Spear

July: 1-Adrian Spear; 11-David Wentworth;

20-Amelia Newton; 21-Fran Knickerbocker;

26-Kellie Bishop



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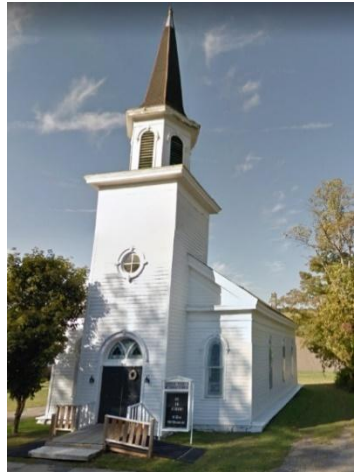
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Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

UMH #837

- 1 I love the Lord, who has heard my voice and my supplications,
2 **and has inclined his ear to me, whenever I called.**
12 What shall I return to the Lord for all my benefits?
13 **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,**
14 I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.
15 **Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.**
16 O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid. You have loosed my bonds.
17 **I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.**
18 I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,
19 **in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!**

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

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- 1 The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day.
2 He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground.
3 He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant.
4 Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.
5 Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on--since you

have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said."

⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes."

⁷ Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it.

⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent."

¹⁰ Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.

¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?"

¹³ The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?'"

¹⁴ Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son."

¹⁵ But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

^{21:1} The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised.

² Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him.

³ Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him.

⁴ And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he

was eight days old, as God had commanded him.

⁵ Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

⁶ Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me."

⁷ And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

Romans 5:1-8

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¹ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,

⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.

⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Matthew 9:35-10:8

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³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.

³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;

³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

^{10:1} Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John;

³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;

⁴ Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans,

⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'

⁸ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.