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Baptism: We will celebrate the **Baptism of Angela Marks** on **Monday, September 14 at 6:00 pm** at the **Tidnish River on Ketchum Drive** (Tidnish Bridge Hwy 366). **Rain Date:** Wednesday, September 16. All are welcome to attend this event.

Schedule for Sun., September 6—Monday, September 14

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| Sun., 6 | 10:30 am Worship Service |
| | 4:00 pm Summer Wrap-up Carnival |
| Mon., 7 | Labour Day: Church & Office Closed |
| Tue., 8 | 6:30 pm Board of Management Meeting |
| Thur., 10 | 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal |
| Sat., 12 | 9:00 am AA Round-Up |
| Sun., 13 | 10:30 am Worship Service |
| | 12:00 pm Congregational Brunch |
| Mon., 14 | 10:00 am Practice for White Birches |
| | 4:00 pm IODE Meeting |



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WORSHIP: Communion Sunday
September 6, 2026 10:30 am

Welcome to our worship and fellowship.
If you are visiting, please sign our guest book,
and we will pray for you.
** Stand, as you are able.*

Senior Minister: Rev. Jeff G. White
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Minister Emeritus: Rev. Byron Corkum
Organist & Choir Director: Kevin Dupuis
Church Custodian: Shauna McCallum
Administrative Assistant: Angela Marks
Kingdom Kids Program Leader: Mackinley Mace

PRELUDE
*WELCOME
*INTROIT

Kevin Dupuis
Jeff White

**Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

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*CALL to Worship (Thom M. Shuman, 2026) leader & people

When two or three gather, Christ lives in every moment,
**where two or three gather,
Christ is present with them.**

Where two or three gather to worship God,
**glad songs of praise are lifted,
hearts are filled with hope.**

When two or three gather to serve God's creation,
**Christ is feeding the hungry,
Christ is building shelters of peace.**

*HYMN 258 "O Praise Ye the Lord" vs. 1-4

**1. O praise ye the Lord! Praise Him in the height;
Rejoice in His word, Ye angels of light;
Ye heavens, adore Him By whom ye were made,
And worship before Him In brightness arrayed.**

**2. O praise ye the Lord! Praise Him upon earth,
In tuneful accord, Ye child of new birth;
Praise Him who hath brought you His grace from above,
Praise him who hath taught you To sing of His love.**

**Glory to you, Liberating God!
Alleluia to you, Christ our Servant!
Thanks to you, Spirit of Peace!
Now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS of Institution

PRAYER & Sharing of the BREAD

Sandy Corkum

PRAYER & Sharing of the CUP

Cynthia McCarthy

*HYMN 534 "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" vs. 1

**Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.**

*SENDING

leader & people

Send us out now, O God, in twos and threes
to be the grace and compassion the world needs.

Send us out now, O Jesus, alone and together,
to work for justice for all the forgotten.

Send us out now, O Spirit, as your people
to bring peace to the brokenness around us.

*CHORAL Benediction

**Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

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*POSTLUDE

Kevin Dupuis

[You may remain seated for the musical postlude]

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Your gracious word was sung in new ways by the prophets, but we tuned them out, so we could listen to the seductive songs of sin. You sent us your hope in Jesus Christ, who came to set us free and bring us home from our exile in rebellion. So, with those who longed for your coming, packed and ready to journey into freedom, we exclaim our praises in the company of our sisters and brothers from every time:

**Holy! Holy! Holy! Living God of grace!
All creation echoes your praise:
creatures roaming the fields,
whales splashing in the seas,
eagles soaring in the bright sky.
Glory to you forever and ever,
God of the captives!**

You are righteousness, God our Deliverer, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Child, our Brother. Because we break your heart with our words and deeds, he came to shatter the chains of our arrogance and selfishness. Because we have become gluttons, feasting on bitterness and fear, he came to be the sweet Bread of healing and hope. Because we become drunk on sin's soured wine, he came to be salvation poured into our parched souls. Because death smiles at us, waiting with open arms, he came to gather us up in the embrace of grace and life, carrying us out of the empty tomb into your life of joy forever. As you have prepared this Table for us, gather us as your children, so we might remember all the promises fulfilled to us in Christ our Lord:

**When we eat of the Bread,
Christ's life strengthens us;
when we drink from the Cup,
Christ's Spirit nourishes us;
when we go to serve others,
we proclaim Christ's death
until he returns in glory.**

As you bless the gifts of the Bread and the Cup, anoint us with your Spirit which brings us together. As your grace touches our lips with hope and healing, may we reach out our hands to set free those captive to injustice. As your peace is poured into the empty corners of our hearts, may we go forth to love others as much as we love ourselves, and to serve them as we show our love for you. And when time has marked the end of history, and we gather with all our sisters and brothers, all division done away with, all brokenness healed, all barriers pulled down, and all your children set free from despair, we will join our hands and hearts around your Table of eternity, singing praise through forever:

**3. O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord Re-echo around;
Loud organs, His glory Forth tell in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story Of what He hath done.**

**4. O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
To Him be outpoured All ages along:
For love in creation, For heaven restored,
For grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!**
(Henry W. Baker 1821-1877; Hubert Parry 1848-1918))

PRAYER of Invocation & the Lord's Prayer (629 in unison)
**Jesus, our Saviour, Teacher, Master and Friend,
We pray in our singing. Glory to You!
We pray in our speaking. We listen for You.
We pray in our fellowship. Bless our togetherness.
We pray in our quietness. Touch our souls.
We pray as You taught us:
Our Father, who art in heaven...**

PSALM 149:1-5 leader & people
Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.
Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.
For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.
Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.

HYMN 206 "The Church Is Wherever God's People" vs. 1,2
**1. The church is wherever God's people are praising,
singing their thanks for joy on this day.
The church is wherever disciples of Jesus
remember His story and walk in His way.**

**2. The church is wherever God's people are helping,
caring for neighbours in sickness and need.
The church is wherever God's people are sharing
the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.**
(Carol Rose Ikeler b. 1920)

STORY TIME

(Children's activity sheets are available in the Foyer.
There are also Classrooms upstairs.)

HYMN 206 "The Church Is Wherever" vs. 1, 2
(words p.3 & above)

First LESSON Exodus 12:1-14 Karen Fraser

PRAYERS for All

GOSPEL Matthew 18:15-20 Liz Hickey

SERMON "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" Jeff White

SILENT Meditation

OFFERING

*RESPONSE What Can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.

I'll bring my love. I'll do my share. [x2]

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CELEBRATION of Ministry

*HYMN "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" vs. 1-3

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,

I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?

[Refrain] **Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?**

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

**2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?**

[Refrain] **Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?**

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

**3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a fest for them; my hand will save.**

Finest bread I will provide

till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send?

[Refrain]

(Daniel L. Schutte 1981)

Great PRAYER of Thanksgiving (Thom M. Shuman, 2026)

leader & people

May God be with you!

And also with you!

People of God, open your hearts.

We open them to the One who feeds us

with freedom and hope.

Children of God, sing songs of thanksgiving

to the One who journeys with you!

Graced with abundant life, we join our hearts

and voices in praise to our loving God!

The moment you spoke and liberated chaos, Holy God time marked the beginning of created beauty and glory. You watered earth with tears of joy, planting those seeds of hope and peace so we might be fed by your heart. But asked simply to be your children, we could not obey that request, but wandered off to feast at the table groaning with lies and curses.