



**CENTER BRUNSWICK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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September 7th, 2025
13th Sunday After Pentecost

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: Help Us Accept Each Other #560

SILENT PRAYER

***HYMN: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus** #2129

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: God is like a potter who shapes and forms our lives.

P: We have been called to be faithful to God's intention.

L: God seeks for us to be vessels of compassion and service.

P: We have multiple opportunities to witness to God's love.

L: Come, let us worship the Creator who has given us life.

P: Let us send our praises to God, who knows and loves us. Amen.

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Holy One, grant us the courage to follow wherever you call us. Give us the strength to surrender our comfort, fears, and ambitions, so that we may take up our cross. Discipleship leads to freedom when we follow, putting aside our hesitation, trusting that you are with us, and our reward is in serving others in Jesus' name. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Luke 14:25-33

***HYMN: Spirit of the Living God**

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THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED

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GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR

COMMUNION (See pg. 15 Hymnal – Table III)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

***HYMN: This Little Light of Mine**

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE:

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

Center Brunswick Birthdays & Anniversaries

7—Bill Freelove

9--Christine LeVan

10--Larry & Donna Bonesteel--anniv

11—Ruth Fredericks

13—Elijah Foust

God, from the beginning, you breathed love into all you made, gave us life, and asked us to be good stewards. You trust and love us. Help us turn to you with joyful hearts, trusting in all you've done. Let us be a blessing for you. Amen.

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We are called to look beyond our personal interests to those of others, coming together as Jesus Christ's church. Our mission benefits others and provides us with an opportunity to serve locally and globally. Today reminds us to live for others, following Christ's example of self-giving love. May remembering past suffering inspire us to pursue God's joy—where everyone is loved, fed, and has enough. Let us give of our resources as stewards of God's grace.

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

God, you have searched us and understood us—every thought, fear, and hope. You created and claimed us before we called your name. Receive these gifts, given imperfectly but from hearts reaching for you. Use them to transform the world into a place reflecting your love and shape us into a community that is open, generous, and faithful. May our giving respond to your knowledge of us and mirror your grace in the name of the one who still knows us, Amen.