



**CENTER BRUNSWICK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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September 14th, 2025
14th Sunday After Pentecost

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: Amazing Grace

#378

SILENT PRAYER

***HYMN: Come Thou Font of Ever Blessing**

#400

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Jesus brought healing love to all people.

P: They talked and marveled about his miracles.

L: But they really didn't understand him.

P: They wanted the healing, but not necessarily a change in their lives.

L: Jesus brings us transforming compassion.

P: Holy One, open our minds and spirits to your life-changing words.

Amen.

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Loving and caring God, we come this morning seeking wisdom and guidance. Open us to your words of life, love, and truth. May we proclaim with our tongues what we know in our hearts. In this time of worship, help us more fully understand what it means to truly be a disciple, a follower of Jesus's way, a follower of the path of wisdom. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

***HYMN: Grace Alone**

#2162

THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED

Pastor Joel Holcomb

GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR

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: Just a Closer Walk with Thee**

#2158

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE:

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

Center Brunswick Birthdays & Anniversaries

14—Ronald Hayner, Peter & Cassie Foust--anniv

19--Sarah Walton

20—Judy Riston, Carly Schott

Gracious Spirit, in the stillness of this sacred morning, we pause to listen for your gentle whisper. Draw us nearer to your heart, that we might sense the depth of your presence and the breadth of your mercy. Please help us to release the burdens we carry, entrusting each worry and hope to your loving care. As we quiet our souls, renew our spirits, and awaken in us a deeper connection to your wisdom. Shape us into disciples of compassion and courage, that we might reflect your love in all we do. Amen.

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As we come together in gratitude for all the blessings we've received, let's remember that our gifts can be wonderful channels of grace for others. When we share from what we have—whether it's time, treasure, or talent—we spread God's love beyond ourselves, touching lives in beautiful ways that we may not even see. Through our giving, we become part of the sacred work of hope, healing, and transformation. As you think about what you might offer today, do so with a generous heart, trusting that the Spirit enhances every act of kindness, and that through our gifts, others can come to experience the endless grace of God. Amen.

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God, you are always our safe haven through every season, our source of hope when chaos and confusion surround us. Even when the world lets us down, you gently call us to stay faithful, to build community, and to show kindness that mirrors your love. Please accept these offerings as tokens of our trust in you and our heartfelt desire to live in a way that brings renewal, hope, and goodness. Use them—and us—to do good, to bring healing, and to strengthen your beloved community. We give not because everything is perfect, but because you are truly good. Amen.