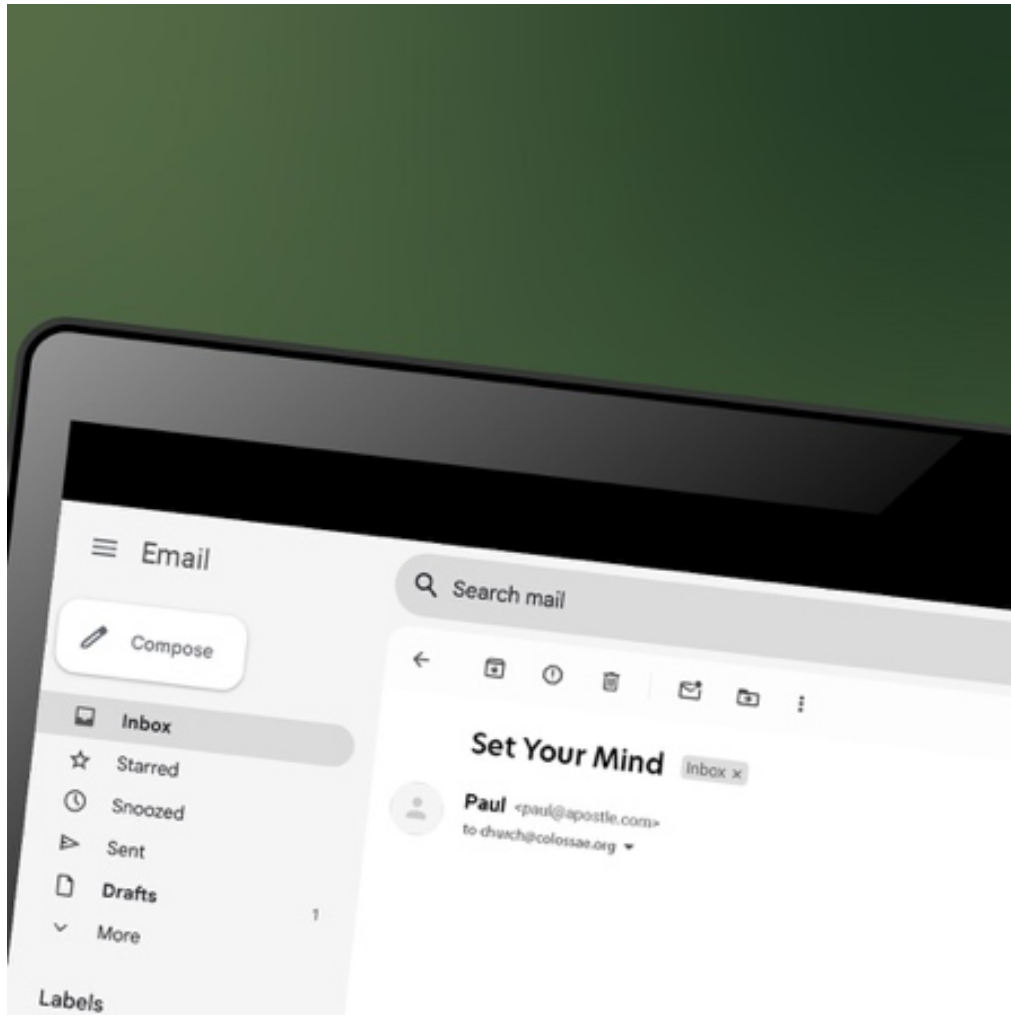


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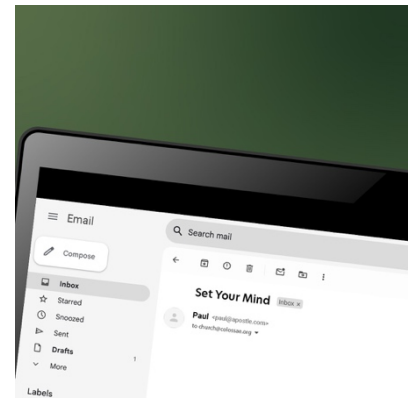
Set Your Mind

8th Sunday After Pentecost – Year C

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship



**** P – Pastor Bold – C: Congregation responds ****

P: Children of God, we gather as people who have received new life in Jesus Christ.

C: We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

P: The world tries to distract us with anxious rumors, worrisome lies, and misleading half-truths.

C: We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

P: In this place, we gather to remind, remember, and renew our commitment to dwell in the love of Christ.

C: We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

P: Children of God, come! Let us worship God, who clothes us in new life and renews us in grace.

All: Come, let us worship as we set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.

Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed p. 881 UMH

**** All to recite in unison ****

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; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. 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!

The Gloria Patri p. 70 UMH

*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, Amen.*

Opening Hymn – Great is Thy Faithfulness p. 140 UMH

Sharing Our Praises & Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

Offering – Ushers come forward

Doxology p. 95 UMH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 107:1-9, 43 (ESV)

**** L – Leader Bold – C: Congregation responds ****

L: ¹ Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

C: ² Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed

from trouble

L: ³ and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

C: ⁴ Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in;

L: ⁵ hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

C: ⁶ Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

L: ⁷ He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.

C: ⁸ Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

L: ⁹ For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

C: ⁴³ Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things; let them consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

Hymn – Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah p. 127 UMH

New Testament Reading – Colossians 3:1-11 (ESV)

¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have

put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Sermon – Set Your Mind

Holy Communion – Service of Word & Table II

◆ Refer to handout or view on screen

Closing Hymn: Now, Thank We All Our God p.102 UMH

Benediction & Commission

Children of God, receive this blessing: may the renewing grace of the Triune God surround you; may the steadfast love of the Triune God uphold you, and may the goodness of the Triune God entice you to set your mind on Christ that you may live as God’s image-bearers and gospel-bringers wherever you go. Amen!

Lectionary Readings for the week beginning Aug. 4, 2025

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 | Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 | Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 |
Luke 12:32-40

Announcements

- None today

Prayer List

Steve and Lena Gough

All who are serving our country at home and abroad

Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner
Frank Dalton
Sherry Doub
Frances V. Gough

Wanda Needham
Barbara Perryman
Frances Sisk

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Tommy Bost
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Jimmy & Deborah Branch
Jane Bullin
Leisha Carpenter
Joe Dean
Mack Edwards
Mary File
Garry Harbin
Kathy Harbin
Lynda Harper
Ronald Howell

David Joyner
Kevin McBride
Kevin McDaniel
Mark Megela
Jay D. Prevette
Vivian Royal
Mary Ellen Smith
Kim Triplette
Mark Wall
Ann Wallace
Robert and Susan Warren
Savannah Wooten

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Ed Doub	1	Samantha Rose Perryman	23
Angela Brown	3	Norma Jean Harbin	24
Carl Pellington	3	Buddy Hutchins	25
John Collins	4	Colin Burton	26
Liz Pellington	4	Randy Perdue	29
Jackie Seats	6	Abby Seats	30
Jeff Perryman.	11	Bowen Blackburn	31
Molly Kellam.	20		

Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee, or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.

Amen!

SERMON NOTES

- Where did you hear God speaking to you in today's message?
- What main thought(s) can you use this coming week?
- Did you hear anything new and/or different from the scripture or the message today?
- What reaffirmed or challenged you?
- Additional thoughts and/or ideas?