

16th Sunday of Pentecost – September 13, 2026

*“No matter where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here!” Grounded in God’s love, grace, and mercy, we are a community **Where Welcome Grows** through Inclusive Refuge, Compassionate Justice, and Environmental Advocacy.”*

Connection Cards: Please complete a Connection Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Cards may also be used for prayer requests or comments.

Children: Children are always welcome in worship! Toys and activity bags are available in the Children’s Corner.

Offerings: Physical offerings may be placed in the offering plate following the sermon. Or give electronically using the QR code in this bulletin or by texting COA and your gift amount to 73256.

We give thanks for the volunteers who share their time and gifts in worship each week. Today we are grateful for: Michele, Bill, Marty, Bonnie, Jane, Our Praise Band (Ramey, Doug, Ian, Nate, Jan & Johanna) and our Apostles Choir.

Gathering Music: “Lord I Need You” – by Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill, Matt Maher, Christy Nockels and Daniel Carson

Welcome

Invitation to the Season

Prayer

All: Wondrous God: you touch our lives with healing and justice; new life is your gift. We praise you for the Good News which is ours through Jesus Christ. May this time of worship nourish us with your promise of meaning and purpose. May we be empowered to be changemakers of your goodness. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Song: “Welcome”

Remembering Who We Are

Leader: Holy One, you are the beginning of all things...

and so when things need to change, we often don’t show up.

All: Forgive us.

Leader: Forgive us when we ignored the people...

Remake us now to be more like your son, Jesus.

All: Open our hearts to all that you would have us change in this world. Amen

Remembering Who God Is

Song: “Kum ba Yah” (Chalice 590)

Children’s Time

Song: “Be a Changemaker”

We can be a changemaker, change the world.

Make a better place for everyone! Changemaker!

Just one small change can make a difference every day

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Scripture Readings: Mark 6:30-44 & Mark 6:35-44

Leader: Holy Wisdom. Holy Words **People: Thanks be to God.**

Contemporary Words: “Jesus as a Changemaker”

Generosity Moment

Covenant with Music Ministry

As a congregation, will you support these people with your prayers, encouragement, and participation as together we seek to call upon and praise God?

We will, God being our helper. May God give us grace to offer our music and our lives in faithful service, thanksgiving, and praise.

Prayer: God you are the Singer and the Song, Source of all Harmony,
Bless these ministers of music who offer their talents in your service.

Grant them love for you and for all your people. May their music inspire us all to give glory to your holy name. Amen.

Special Music: “Come with a Grateful Heart” – Mayo

Doxology

All: Praise to the Maker, the One who gives breath.

Praise to Christ Jesus, who reigns over death.

Praise to the Spirit, our strength and our friend.

Three-in-One present, world without end.

Prayers of the People

All: 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 as we forgive others. And let us not fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Song: “Shout to The North”

Benediction

Leader: And all God’s people said,

All: Amen!

Leader: Church of the Apostles, what are we to do?

All: God’s love guides us to welcome and include people as they are, serve compassionately, and champion environmental care and social justice.

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Leader: You are not alone.

All: You are not alone.

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Sending Music: “Made For More” – by Blake Wiggins, Jessie Early, Jonathan Smith and Josh Baldwin

Give Online Through Realm



Or Text ‘COA’ to 73256 with the amount you want to give

Prayers of Joy and Concern

(as of printing on 9/9/2026)

Joys: Dillon turning his life around; Teachers and students beginning the academic year; Bonnie Medved's Cousin's son's healing; Sanctuary Renovations Complete!

Concerns: Pat DiDomenico; Audrey's Friends; Gloria Stevens & Judy Jarvis; Family & Friends of Marie Wenner; Friends & Family of Ruth Neuman; The Bender Family; Burlin Miller; Larry & Judith Frable; Robin Lucey; People of Nepal.

To add your prayers of joy and concern, email office@apostlesucc.org
or call 717-392-5718 ext 8200

APOSTLE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPT. INCLUSIVE CHURCH FOCUS – Dementia & its impact on friends, family, and caregivers.

MOCKTAILS & MEANING – Data Centers in Lancaster with Darrell Lagace. Register on Realm or by emailing or calling the office: (717) 392-5718 or office@apostlesucc.org

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE – Celebrate the completion of our Sanctuary renovations on Sept 20th with a dedication ceremony, tours, refreshments, and fellowship!

MEMORIAL SERVICE – For Ruth Neuman on Saturday, Sept 26 at 10:30 AM at Covenant United Methodist Church, 110 N. Mulberry St. Lancaster

MALTA BAND CONCERT – Experience an afternoon of live music on Sunday, October 11 at 3 PM as The Malta Band performs the first concert in our newly renovated Sanctuary!

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