

Sunday  
**August 11, 2019**  
10:00 a.m.

## Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Greg

Becoming disciples,  
serving God's world.



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# God Is My Rock

Plain print indicates worship leader.

**Bold print indicates the people.**

\*Indicates please stand as able.

## **Psalms: "God Is My Rock"**

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome, Announcements, and Ministry Opportunities**

### **\*Opening Sentences: "One Thing"—Based on Psalm 27**

One thing I ask...

**One thing I seek...**

Just one thing...

**To dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.

**To be kept safe in Christ, hidden in Him in the day of trouble.**

My heart says, "Seek Christ's face!" Your face, Lord, is all I seek.

**My heart cries out, "Lord, please don't hide Your face from me!"**

My heart longs for Jesus Christ alone, no matter what happens.

**One thing...Jesus.**

When darkness descends...

**One Light...Jesus.**

When enemies attack...

**One Savior...Jesus.**

When I am left alone...

**One Friend...Jesus.**

One Light...Jesus.

**I take heart.**

One Savior...Jesus.

**I yearn...**

One Friend...Jesus.

**One Lord...Jesus.**

**\*Song: #361 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me**

**Scripture: Psalm 27**

**Song: #2233 Where Children Belong**

**Children's Time ~ Pastor Greg**

**Sermon:** "Shelter of the Rock"

**\*Prayer Song:** #496 Sweet Hour of Prayer

*The ushers will collect prayer requests.*

**Hearing Joys and Concerns**

**Dwelling in Prayer**

*Speak your heart to God, bringing to God the needs and concerns of your life, family, work, and church.*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology:** #70 Glory Be to the Father

*FYI: A doxology (from Greek: doxa — "glory" and logia, "saying") is a short hymn of praises to the triune God.*

**Holy Communion**—Based on Psalm 23

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We are not alone. We gather together as friends in the family of Jesus Christ, in the company of all those gone before us, and all those yet to come. We gather with all heaven and earth, for all things give praise!

**Holy, holy, holy God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Lord, You are our shepherd, Who makes us lie down in green pastures. In You we can rest beside still waters. You restore our souls and lead us in paths of righteousness. When Your people walk through the valley of darkness, still we fear no evil, for You are with us, Your rod and Your staff comfort us. You prepare a table for us in the presence of our enemies. You anoint us with blessing till our cups overflow. Surely goodness and mercy follow us. May we dwell in Your house all the days of our lives and for eternity.

And so we remember Your Son, Jesus Christ.

We thank You for sending Him to be our living bread, the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know. Thank You for His cross and rising again. Thank You for His presence with us now. Holy Spirit, move in power over us and over this bread and these cups, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ.

And the night before He died, Jesus sat at the table with those He loved. He took bread and blessed it. He broke it and gave it to

His disciples saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my body given for you."

When supper was ended, Jesus took a cup of wine and gave thanks to You, God of all creation. He passed that among His disciples saying, "Take this, all of you, and drink from it. This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me."

Knowing this, let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

As the splendor of this love comes upon us, may You find us ever watchful in prayer and willing to be of service. Until, at last, all creation will be one — and we shall sing Your praise in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.

**All honor and glory is Yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We thank You, O God, that through Word and Sacrament, You have given us Your Son, Who is the true bread from heaven and the food of eternal life.

**So strengthen us in Your service that our daily living may show our thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Closing Song:** #2214 Lead Me, Guide Me

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

## Prayer for Family and Friends

### Updates and New Requests This Week

Cynda Buckallew is hospitalized with health issues.

Carol Eaton is recovering from surgery. Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated.

Joel and Brenda Nelson (Beth Griner's friends) were in a motorcycle accident. They are recovering from surgery, and prayers are needed for healing.

Debbie Swinehart is in excessive pain and is scheduled to have hip replacement surgery Aug. 26 in Tucson, AZ. Please pray for coping skills and successful surgery.

### Previous Requests

Betty Gruber's brother-in-law, Ken Tice, passed away. Please remember Betty and Joe and all the family and friends in prayer.

Please continue to pray for appropriate housing and work for Elizabeth Heikes.

Ken Heikes is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

David Morton (Dee's grandson) is 13 years old and is being bullied. He is small for his age and has some health issues. Please pray for David. Please pray for the family of Max Spealman, who passed away.

Please pray for our members working on new ideas and ways to worship God.

### Generous Hands Wish List

- 18 oz. peanut butter
- fruit cups
- applesauce cups
- granola bars
- Ramen noodles
- microwave popcorn
- small peanut packs
- instant oatmeal packets



### In Service to Our Country

Matthew Kohler  
Ryan Miller  
Walker Polsinelli

Tyler Smith  
Geoff White

### Weekly Donations

#### Needed each week

General Fund:  
\$ 5,288.50

Building Fund:  
\$ 1,140.66

#### Received Jul 31-Aug 6

General Fund:  
\$ 7,357.79

Building Fund:  
\$ 1,212.00

## This Week's Calendar

### Today

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

### Monday, August 12

*no activities are scheduled*

### Tuesday, August 13

2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God, Taylor Room

### Wednesday, August 14

10:30 a.m. Wednesday Winners, Taylor Room

### Thursday, August 15

*no activities are scheduled*

### Friday, August 16 - Pastor's Day Off

*no activities are scheduled*

### Saturday, August 17

8:30 a.m. Loaves & Fishes in the FLC till 9:30a

### Next Week

### Tuesday, August 20

1:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle at Kathy Moore's house

7:00 p.m. Special Church Council with Kristin Flynn in the Taylor Room

### Saturday, August 24

9:00 a.m. UMW District Executive Team planning in the Library and Taylor Room

### VUMC's Mission Statement



### The General Rule of Discipleship

To witness to Jesus Christ in the world, and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

### Just a reminder

UMCOR needs your monetary support as it works for the victims of floods and tornados. Remember, UMCOR is in it for the long haul, long after others have left.

### Coming deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due in the church office by 2:00 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15.

### For Cheer and Hello

David Bretz  
Barb Griner  
Pat McClelland  
Beverly Nimmo

Robert & Carmen  
Parsons  
Marv & Kitty Starbuck  
Mina Willett

August 4 Worship attendance: 84

## Needed: more disciples!

“To witness to Jesus Christ in the world, and to follow His teachings, through acts of compassion, justice, worship, and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.” This is VUMC’s mission. It’s why we’re here. If you have a passion for the gospel (even if you’re willing to get a passion) and an earnest desire to see Christ change lives through this church, you are invited to join us on this journey, going forward to be and do what God wants us to be and do. New member orientation will be in September. Interested? Pray about this — and let’s talk. Call Pastor Greg at the church (269-649-2343) or e-mail ([gpculver@mac.com](mailto:gpculver@mac.com)). You can even approach him today!

## Program to manage falls

A Matter of Balance is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. Participants will learn to view falls as controllable, set goals for increasing activity, make changes to reduce fall risks at home, and exercise to increase strength and balance.

The next sessions are here at VUMC Tuesdays and Fridays, Sept. 10 to Oct. 4, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required by contacting South County Community Services, 269-649-2901, or Kelly Milliman, Area Agency on Aging, 269-373-5021.

## Flowers for the church altar

We need flowers for Sundays. Please sign up, and contact Dee Morton about ordering flowers from Heirloom Rose in Schoolcraft for \$25.

## Kalamazoo Gospel Mission bread drive

We are continuing to collect bread for The Kalamazoo Gospel Mission. If you would like to contribute, please bring loaves of sliced white bread to the church, and they will be delivered.

### This Week’s Celebrations

#### Birthdays

8/11 Nona Mattheis  
Liz Page  
Lori Tichvon  
Jan Walsworth  
8/13 Joanne Culver  
8/16 Harley Hill  
8/17 Jackson Hambright

#### Anniversaries

8/11 David & Cande  
Vermeulen  
8/13 Don & Charlene  
Dailey  
Lee & Jean Philport  
8/15 Burt & Noni Heikes



**Nona Mattheis**  
is 108 years old today.

If you would like to mail birthday greetings, her address is:

Heartland Healthcare Center  
517 S. Erie St.  
Three Rivers MI 49093

## Apprentice Class starting in September

Beginning in September, Apprentice Class will meet for 10 weeks during the day as well as the evening. If you are interested in attending the classes, please write Apprentice Class next to your name on the friendship sheet.

## Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Aug. 11:

Aug. 18: Marshall Linebaugh

## The Monday Breakfast Table

Coffee and donuts with friends. Juice and muffins with neighbors. What a great way to begin your week.

Come join us Monday mornings between 7 & 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center (gymnasium) at Vicksburg United Methodist Church.

Starting date:

Monday September 9th

Time:

Mondays from  
7:00–9:00 a.m.

Cost:

donation

