

Sunday Service Bulletin

September 20, 2026 - Today's
Message: Rev. Ben Griffin

Prelude

Welcome

Song

House Of The Lord

What An Awesome God

Prayers of the People

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Jesus says, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit."

C: Apart from Him, we can do nothing.

P: Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

C: For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit.

P: There are times we've turned away from God, and we've lived according to the flesh, rather than the Spirit. Take some time to consider your own sin and shortcomings.

(silence for reflection)

P: Let's pray together,

C: Father, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. You have called us to remain in Your love, yet we have turned away and followed the desires of the flesh. We have given ourselves to jealousy, anger, selfish ambition, and other sins that separate us from You and from one another. You call us to walk by the Spirit, yet we have relied on our own strength and gone our own way. Have mercy on us. Forgive us. Renew us, and teach us to trust you more and more. Prune what is dead within us, and nourish us by Your grace. We ask in the name of Jesus, Amen.

P: Friends in Christ, your sins are forgiven for His sake. You are joined to Christ, the true vine. He abides in you, and you in Him. Therefore, you will bear fruit—not by your own strength, but by His Spirit within you. Go in His joy and walk by the Spirit.

C: Amen.

SURVEY UPDATE VIDEO

TEACHER INSTALLATION

Sharing of the Peace

Children's Sermon: Rev. Ben Griffin (Blessing of the Backpacks)

Song

Graves Into Gardens

Reading 1

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God,

for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Reading 2

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

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Sermon - Pastor Ben Griffin - "Be The Good"

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer

Distribution Song

The Table

Prayer and Blessing

Benediction

Song
<i>Lead On Good Shepherd</i>
Dismissal