

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Worship Service September 13, 2026
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship will be held in the Sanctuary
Worship Leaders: Rev. Effie McAvoy & Mary Hunter

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Instrumental

OPENING PRAYER

Liberating God, we worship you. We praise you for delivering your people of old from enslavement in Egypt by opening up a new and unexpected future before them. They experienced your grace and mercy in awesome and life-sustaining ways, which must have been like an impossible dream come true.

Through these acts, you showed your compassion for the weak and powerless of this world. We praise and adore you for opening up a new future for us when your love and compassion, your mercy and grace became enfleshed in Jesus Christ. He delivered us from the bondage of evil and sin through his death on the cross.

The impossible once more became reality when love defeated evil once and for all. We pray that this time of worship will be a true offering of our wonder and praise that you should care for us so deeply and so faithfully.

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MUSIC

Where Charity and Love Prevail

UMH no. 549 (vs. 1, 3,6)

Please stand in body or in spirit

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory now and forever. Amen.

TITHES & OFFERING

[HTTPS://WWW.SOVUMC.ORG/GIVING](https://www.sovumc.org/giving)

OFFERTORY

Sing a New Song Unto Our God

SOV Choir

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

Please stand in body or in spirit

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, these gifts are not payment for services rendered. These aren't our dues necessary for us to belong to this church. We know you made us with a purpose, and so now we give...on purpose, freely offering to you the best of who we are. Continue to work out your purpose in us. Make us your hands, outstretched, on purpose. Amen.

CENTERING HYMN

Water, River, Spirit, Grace

TFWS No. 2253

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 14:19-31

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The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.'

Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."^[a]

"Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold^[b] was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

All: The word of God for the people of God - thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Reconciled by Grace

Rev. Effie McAvoy

MUSIC

Lord, I want to be a Christian

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CLOSING PRAYER

POSTLUDE

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Worship @ 9A

SUNDAY SCHOOL (September-May) Sundays, 9AM

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9A - Noon

Rev. Effie McAvoy, Pastor- Lisa Marciniak, Family & Children's Ministry Coordinator
Mary Hunter and Megan Crete, Lay Leaders- Cathy Clasper-Torch, Music Leader

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY UMC VISION STATEMENT

We are a multi-generational Christ community seeking to sing God's spirit
into the world by inviting all, serving all, loving all.