Vestal United Methodist Church

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September 14, 2025 9:30 A.M.

14th Sunday after Pentecost





**Welcome to all our guests, members, and friends, both young and not-so-young!**

**Please know that it is a joy to have you among us in person or in the virtual world.**

\* Indicates congregation is invited to stand, if able.

**Prelude** “He Leads Me” Medley arr. Victor Labenske

**Welcome** Pastor

**Announcements** Liturgist

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Come to Christ, the living bread, who satisfies those who hunger and thirst for what is right.

**People: We come to Christ, who gives living water, that we may never thirst again.**

Leader: Come to Christ, that being filled yourself, you may minister to the hunger and thirst of others.

**People: We come to God, in wordship and praise, through Jesus Christ, who gives us life.**

**\*Opening Hymn # 79** v. 1-4 “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ:**

Liturgist: Please turn to those around you, filled with a spirit of joy and welcome, and share the peace of Christ with your neighbors.

*(We encourage online worshipers to share comments of peace on our video platform. We also invite all worshipers, if possible, to take a moment to send a text message of peace and love to someone who isn’t present in worship today.)*

**The Opening Prayer**

**Spirit of God, who dawns upon us like the morning light, be gracious unto us and bless us, we pray. May your touch enliven us as the rain makes the grass grow greenly, so that we might give forth your praise. It is through your blessing that we live, and in your name that we pray. Amen.**

Special Music “Day by Day” Stephen Schwartz

The Mystery Box (Young Disciples) Pastor

\*Hymn # 2279 (Sung 3x) “The Trees of the Field”

Kick Off

Gospel Reading Luke 15 1-10

The Message “Lost and Found” Prayer Concerns and Prayer Chorus # 2152(TFWS) “Change My Heart O God”

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

 **WE BRING GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

***Please support the work of your church’s ministries by placing your offering on the plate during the service, mailing a check to the church, or giving online on our website***

 **Offertory** “God is in Control” arr. Heather Sorenson

**\*Doxology UMH 95**

 **JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, GOES BEFORE YOU**

**“We go out to share the good news of God’s love through our loving actions”**

**\*Closing Song** “Trading My Sorrows”

**\*Benediction** Pastor

**Postlude** “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”arr. Victor Labenske

**Upcoming Events @ VUMC**

**Sunday 9/14 Kick Off Sunday**

Wear your favorite Team Jersey! Sunday Schools Begin

**Sunday 9/21 Cornell University Choir**

ENJOY HEAVENLY MUSIC!

**Saturday 9/27 BLOOD DRIVE**

**﻿**8 AM to 2 PM VUMC Dining Room

**Sunday 9/28 11 AM BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

On the VUMC Lawn

**TUESDAYS @ 7 PM BIBLE STUDY with Rev. Glenn Ferguson**

7 PM in the Library WE WELCOME ALL TO JOIN US!!

PLEASEContact Rev. Ferguson: pastor@vestalumc.org OR gcf1953@gmail.com

**COMMITTEE MEETING DATES:**

**Finance Committee:** Monday 9/22 7 PM Library

**Lay Leadership Committee:** Monday 9/15 7 PM Library

**SPRC:** Monday 9/15 7 PM Room 24

**United Women in Faith:** Saturday 9/21 2 PM Belfry

**Serving in Worship**

 Pastor: Rev. Dr. Glenn C. Ferguson

 Young Disciples: Pastor

 Liturgist: Lana Roske

 Organist: Dan Rosenau

 Special Music: VUMmer Hummers & Chancel Choir with

 Ava Crump, Preston Moore, and John FitzGerald

 Acolyte: Derek Kretzmer

 Audio Visual/Live Stream: Tim Andrews, Jean Stout

Welcome Team: Brenda Bunzey

Attendance 9/7 85