

The earth is full of the
goodness of the LORD.

PSALM 33:5



Elizabeth, Guest Speaker
Craig, Liturgist
Vicki, Music Tech

September 13, 2026

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church Gathers to Worship

**Those who wish may stand.*

MEDITATIVE READING

Genesis 50:15-21 (pg. 48 [60 LP] OT)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of the unseen universe who looks upon our hearts,

People: God of the countless stars who numbers the hairs on our heads,

Leader: God of endless ages who calls us by name,

People: God of this moment who sees us as we are,

ALL: Open our hearts; fill our thoughts; call us each to yourself, into the enduring embrace of Your everlasting Love.

*HYMN #229

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Almighty God, Everlasting Lord of our lives, why do you even bother? You create intentionally – we casually destroy. You call us your own – we turn our backs and walk away. You offer your wisdom – we don't even think to ask your advice. You welcome us unreservedly in love – we construct a hurdle of *deservedness* that guarantees defeat. Forgive us, Dear God. Open our eyes to the wonder of who you are. Open our hearts to the magnificence of Your Presence already dwelling within. Hear us as we come to you in prayer...

*PERSONAL CONFESSION (in silence)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***GLORIA PATRI**

(pg. 579 in The Presbyterian Hymnal)

To Hear God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 103:1-13 (pg. 554 [681 LP] OT)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 14:1-12

(pg. 163 [198 LP] NT)

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35 (pg. 20 [24 LP] NT)

Pastor: The word of the Lord...

People: Praise be to God

SERMON

Elizabeth

To Respond in Faith

***HYMN #285**

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

(pg. 16 in The Presbyterian Hymnal)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Kari

To Serve in Love and Hope

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School starts next week, Sept. 20th at 9:00 a.m.

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Lunch at Pfeiffer Nature Center after worship on Sept. 27th

*HYMN #272

God of the Sparrow"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

For the Week Beginning September 13th, 2026

GREETER:	Buffy
PRAYER FAMILY:	Sandi
ELDER for the Month:	Bizzy

Mon 9/14	Office Closed
Tue 9/15	Office Hours (Judy E. on Vacation) PNC Meeting – 3:00 p.m.
Wed 9/16	Office Hours (Judy E. on Vacation) Session Meeting – 4:00 p.m.
Thurs 9/17	Office Hours (Judy E. on Vacation)
Fri 9/18	Office Hours 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Sat 9/19	Office Hours 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Cleaning for 9/20 – Jacquie

Next Sunday 9/20 9:00 a.m. - SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 a.m. - Worship
Guest Speaker: Marcia
Liturgist: Judy
Greeters: Terry and Judy
Music Tech: Julie
Video Streaming Tech: Cso

HEARING ENHANCERS are available in the Narthex.

We are collecting **RICE** for the Portville Community Food Pantry. **REMINDER:** *Egg cartons are also being collected.*



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