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Children and Worship

All children are welcome in worship!

Other options are:

- Nursery available for infants through Kindergarten in the Family Life Center (Room 106).
- Transitional Worship available for Kindergarten–5th grade in the Children's Sanctuary. Children meet following Time with Young Disciples and return in time for the closing hymn.

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Serving in Worship Today

Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson

Rev. Gene Horne

Angela Grover, Time with Young Disciples

Kayla Young, Transitional Worship

Mary Beth Thomas, Chancel Choir Director

Andy Phillips, Pianist

Tech Team, Angel Candelaria, AV Tech Lead

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The flowers are provided by Wanda Pounders to the glory of God and the joy of the St. Mark family.

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St. Mark Presbyterian Church

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

Prelude

Fountain Medley
Rodriguez

Andy Phillips

Welcome

Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson

Introit

God of Hope
Arranged by Benjamin Harlan

*Call to Worship

All: We come together to praise God who lives and dwells among us.
One: In the midst of the ordinary, God comes to us.
All: In our everyday worlds, God continues to form us anew.
One: In the midst of joy and sorrow, light and dark; God is faithful.
All: We lift our hearts in praise to the One who is our Lord now and forevermore!

*Hymn *Lift High the Cross* #826

Confession

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Forgive us as we silently confess our sins and short-comings to you...
(Please take a moment for silent confession.)

Sung Petition *Come and Fill Our Hearts* #466

Assurance of Pardon

*Response *Gloria Patri* #581

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time with Young Disciples Angela Grover

Anthem *Amazing Grace*
Arranged by Mark Hayes

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Romans 8:1-4
One: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Baptism as Covenant* Rev. Gene Horne

*Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #475

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Call for the Offering

Offertory *Amazing Grace*
Arranged by Kingsmore

*Doxology

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn *Standing on the Promises* #838

*Benediction

*Postlude *Standing on the Promises*
Arranged by Long

**Please rise, in body or in spirit.*