

Announcements

Upcoming Events

- **September 13:** The Chosen in the Library at 11:45a
- **September 20:** Back to School Bash

The Food Pantry is in need of tuna, canned chicken, chili, & beef stew.

We are open for flowers for October. Call Sarah 452-6262 to reserve your date!

Upcoming in Worship: Next Sunday in worship we will hear Jesus' teaching on grace from Matthew 20:1-16. Please pay attention this week noticing moments when good things happen to those around you. You'll be invited to write your thanks to God for what you've witnessed.

Bubblicious Back To School Bash: Sunday, Sept. 20 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Join us in the upper parking lot for a super fun Foam Party and Bubbles Celebration for all ages. Play for free. Hypoallergenic bubbles. Hamburger or Hot dog meal \$6 with a \$25 family max. Wear Bathing Suits & closed toe shoes & bring a towel. NO FLIP-FLOPS!

Prayer Requests

David Hensley, Charles Schramm (Lisa St. Gelais' dad), Don Bowsher, Phillip Prichard, Jamille Laughlin, Grant Caldwell (grandson of Barbara Caldwell and nephew of Leann Olds), Heather Al-Chokhachi, Richard Green, Manuel "Mannie" Lim, Tatum (Charlotte Fletcher's daughter), and Sarah Shepherd (Bev's daughter)

If you would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact Pat Anderson at pata9276@gmail.com or call the church office.

Monthly Stewardship Report

Pledged and Non-Pledged Contributions

August 2026

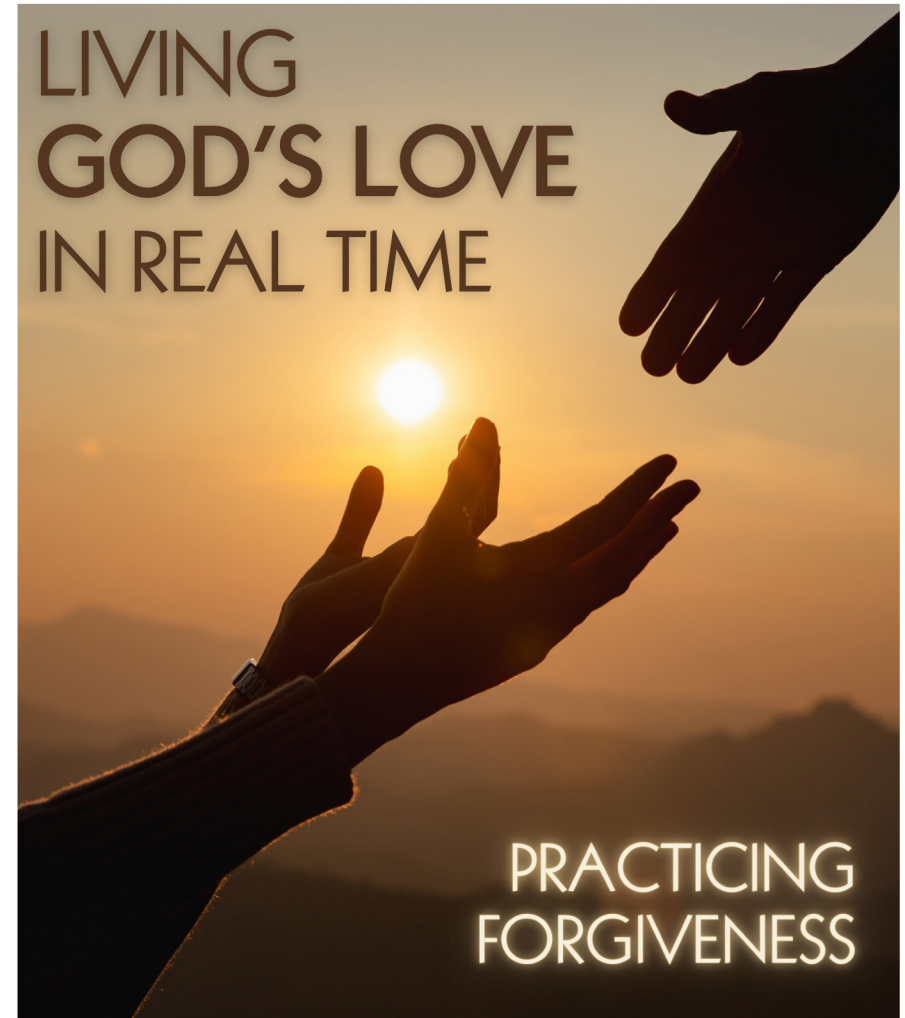
Actual Giving: \$38,507.96

Budgeted: \$51,281.67

YTD 2026

Actual Giving: \$397,125.23

Budgeted: \$410,253.36



Sunday, September 13, 2026

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

480 S. Highland St. Memphis, TN 38111

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are becoming a faithful community of disciples striving to share the heart, mind and hands of Jesus Christ with all people.

Order of Worship

The flowers on the altar are given by the Seeker's Sunday School Class in thanks and memory of our teacher Bettye Jo Masters.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Johann Pachelbel

Toccata in E. Minor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, you who carry wounds that have not yet found healing.

Conversations await that we are afraid to begin.

God does not wait for healing before coming to our need.

God meets us in the trembling moment we turn toward one another.

For where two or three gather in honesty and grace,

Christ is already present, and healing has begun.

*OPENING HYMN

UMH 66

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God is Spirit, and that those who worship God must worship in spirit and in truth. We believe that God is Light, and that if we walk in the light we have fellowship with one another. We believe that God is Love, and that everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that in him we have life now and forever. We believe that as Christ loves us, so we must love one another. And we believe that salvation and glory and power belong to our God, who reigns forever and ever. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

CANTICLE OF THE KINDER

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

WORD AND WONDER - a time for children

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

TFWS 2171

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

*SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:21-35

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ANTHEM

Ruth Morris Gray

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Grant us peace.

MESSAGE

Rev. Harry Colter

The Math of Mercy

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

God of healing love, receive these gifts as an offering of lives learning to turn toward one another and toward a world in need of repair. Use them to sustain the difficult and holy work of reconciliation wherever trust has been lost and relationships have been broken. May our giving reflect the mercy we have received and the healing we are called to embody. Amen.

How have you noticed mercy being practiced?

During the Offertory, you are invited to bring forward your written thanks for examples of mercy or your prayer for a person or situation that needs mercy.

OFFERTORY

Dieterich Buxtehude

Nun Bitten Wir Den Heiligen Geist

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

*SENDING HYMN

UMH 365

Grace Greater Than Our Sin (vss. 1, 2, 4)

*BENEDICTION

Go in peace, trusting that God's mercy is greater than every debt.

God's mercy is deeper than every wound.

May Christ free you from the burdens of resentment,

And lead us into the joy of forgiveness.

And may the Spirit make you a bearer of grace

in a world still learning mercy. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Benedetto Marcello

Psalm 19

*Congregation stand as able.

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Leading in Worship

Rev. Harry Colter, Pastoral Assistant

Rev. Amy Martin, Minister of Music and Worship

, Liturgist

St. Luke's Chancel Choir

Dr. Jacob Allen, Guest Pianist