

**Anthon Community Methodist Church
12th Sunday after Pentecost
Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson
August 31, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.**

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song "Come Christians, Join to Sing" UMH #158

Call to Worship Liturgist: Roger Hladik

L: With all your strength, sing aloud to the Lord, who has brought you here and blessed you.

P: Our voices shall shout forth praise and thanksgiving to God.

L: With all your heart, reach out in service to those in need, remembering God's mercy in your own life.

P: Our lives shall be witnesses to the love of God which has been lavished upon us.

L: Come, let us worship the Lord with Great joy!

P: Let us bring all that we have and all that we are to God in gratitude. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Dear God Thank You for blessing us with another day to be Your workers. It is our greatest honor to be Your followers, and we dedicate all the work we do to You. Please continue watching over us as we go about our days. Grant us the patience and resilience we need to overcome any challenges at work. With this blessing, we humbly ask for You to bless our work, so that we are able to create wondrous things with You in mind. May we remember to always look to You when we encounter difficulties. This we ask through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading

Romans 12: 9-19

Psalm 121 (reading responsively)

UMH #844

Hymn of Preparation "Spirit Song"

UMH #347

New Testament Reading

Colossians 3:23-25

Today's Message

"Labor Day Thoughts"

Shirley

God Calls Us to Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns)

The Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology #95,

Prayer of Dedication

All: Lord, we dedicate these offerings to you. Use them according to your will and help us to give with pure hearts, knowing that everything we have is a gift from you. AMEN.

Closing Hymn

"Where He Leads Me"

UMH #338

Sending Forth with Blessing

Postlude

Ministers.....EVERYONE!
Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson
Liturgist.....Roger Hladik
Organist/Pianist.....Eileen Van Meeteren

IN THE CIRCLE OF OUR CONCERN:

OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Bobby Lewis, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Ed and Carol Davis, Brad Harbaugh, Alta Patterson, Trisha Theisen, Keith Allman, Eleanore Lewis, Rick Gubbels, Lana Kropf, Tracy Lewis, Peggy Hansen, Bettina Perkins, Barb Madsen, Elwanda Sheriff, Joyce Gothier, Jeanette Kummer, Stephanie Johnson, Brittany Miller, Dale Hunwardsen, Allison Randall, & Sally Schram.

Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

Please let us know if anyone should be added or removed from this list.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

September 1: Labor Day

September 8: Ad Board and Finance Meeting. 4:30 p.m.

September 11: Women of Faith Meeting 10:30 a.m.

September 14: Sunday School begins.

Mission Projects: We are starting our summer/fall mission projects. We will be preparing school kits for students. If you would like to donate by purchasing school supplies or giving money to purchase school supplies, let Marilyn know. Supplies are now on sale. Some of our school supplies will be going to the Crittenton Center in Sioux City.

We will again be collecting clothes, especially men's clothes for the Gospel Mission this fall and coats for the Gospel Mission and the Warming Shelter. Also, the warming shelter will be in need of blankets this winter so if you have extra and would like to donate them, bring them to the church.

Sept. Readers: Sept. 7-Jolynne Reimert, Sept. 14-Erin Baird, Sept. 21-Kathy Hodgdon, Sept. 28-Duane Brandt.

Sept. Children's Story: N/A

Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries: Brantley Hoy (3), Sally Schram; Jay Theisen (4).

Sept./Oct. Upper Room Devotionals are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Anthon Military: To our men and women in uniform.... past, present and future, God Bless You and Thank You!

If you have a loved one connected to the service, please let us know.

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