



**Anthon Community Methodist Church  
Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
September 13, 2026**

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

**We Gather in God's Presence**

Welcome and Announcements

**Opening Song**

**“Surely The Presence of The Lord”**

**UMH #328**

**Call to Worship**

**Liturgist: Duane Brandt**

Leader: When the way before us seems impossible, who goes before us?

**People: The Lord goes before us and makes a way.**

Leader: When fear surrounds us and we do not know which way to turn, who stands beside us?

**People: The Lord stands with us and gives us courage.**

Leader: When the waters rise and the road seems blocked, where will we place our trust?

**People: We will trust in the God who parts the waters and leads us to freedom.**

Leader: God does not abandon God's people. God's presence goes with us—in darkness and in daylight, in uncertainty and in hope.

**People: We will follow where God leads.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who makes a way where there seems to be no way.

**All: We come with open hearts, ready to trust, ready to follow, and ready to worship!**

**Opening Prayer**

**Gracious and faithful God, when we face obstacles and cannot see the way forward, remind us that you are always with us. Give us courage when we are afraid, faith when we are uncertain, and trust to follow where you lead. Like the Israelites before the Red Sea, help us believe that you can make a way where there seems to be no way. Open our hearts to your Word and fill us with your Spirit today. Lead us, Lord, and help us follow. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**We Hear God's Word**

First Reading:

Exodus 14:19–31

**Responsive Reading:**

**Psalm 114**

**UMH #835**

**Hymn of Preparation**

**“O How He Loves You and Me”**

**TFWS #2108**

**God Calls Us to Respond**

**PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns)**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Giving of our Tithes and Offerings**

\*Doxology #95

Prayer of Dedication

**Merciful Deliverer, you part the waters when we feel trapped and forgive debts too great to repay. In the face of fear and brokenness, you lead us with compassion and grace. May the gifts we bring today reflect our deep gratitude for your mercy. Let them support ministries of reconciliation and acts of healing, justice, and welcome. Teach us to lead not with judgment, but with generosity, recognizing that what we have, we hold by your mercy. Bless these offerings and bless us as stewards of your kingdom, always seeking to build a world where grace is not rare but abundant. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

**“What a Mighty God We Serve”**

**TFWS #2021**

Sending Forth with Blessing

Postlude

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**September Liturgists:** Sept. 20-Tim Hoy, Sept. 27-Sue Wilson

**October Liturgists:** Oct. 4-Erin Baird, Oct. 11-JoLynne Reimert, Oct. 18-Marilyn Hladik, Oct.25-Erin Baird

**Reminder:** The adult Sunday School had begun meeting again. If you want to know about Moses and follow along on the roads he traveled and more, then join us for **“Moses, In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet.”** We will be watching a DVD and there is reading material that goes along with it (but not required). Please Join Us. Sunday School starts at 9:00am.

**September 14:** Ad/Board meeting at 4:30pm

**September 20:** Autum Hansen will give a presentation on her mission trip to El Salvadore. Presentation begins at 3:30 at church.

**September 23:** WOF meal delivery

**Missions:** We have moved onto blankets for The Warming Shelter/Gospel Mission. If you don't have time to shop, you can give your money to Marilyn and she will do the shopping for you.

**Sept. Weekly Birthdays & Anniversaries:** Mark Nelson (13), Tanner & Jenna Petersen (19), Barb Madsen (21).

**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, Alta Patterson, Trisha Theisen & Family, Eleanore Lewis, Rick Gubbels, Tracy Lewis, Bettina Perkins, Evelyn & Larry Dicks, Lyle & Sally Schram, Roger & Shirley Nelson, Betty Nelson, Mark Nelson, Barb Madsen, Brad Harbaugh and Eileen Klindt.

**Remember our Nursing Home Residents!**