



**Anthon Community Methodist Church  
Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson  
18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
September 27, 2026**

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: Sue Wilson**

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**

**Merciful and loving God, thank You for hearing us when we call and for meeting us with compassion and grace. Teach us Your ways and help us walk in Your truth. Unite our hearts so that we may love You, serve others, and honor Your name in all we do. Be with us as we worship today and open our hearts to Your Word. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**We Hear God's Word**

First Reading:

Psalm 86:1-12

Second Reading:

John 12: 44-50

**Hymn of Preparation**

**"Be Thou My Vision"**

**UMH #451**

**Hymn of Response**

**“Trust and Obey”**

**UMH #467**

**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

**Gracious God, thank You for Your goodness, mercy, and unfailing love. Receive these gifts we offer today and use them to share Your love and bring hope to others. Teach us to give not only our resources, but also our time, talents, and hearts in service to You. Unite our hearts to honor Your name. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

**“God Will Take Care of You”**

**UMH #130**

Sending Forth with Blessing

Postlude

Ministers.....EVERYONE!

Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson

Liturgist.....Sue Wilson

**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 & Carol Davis, Alta Patterson,  
Trisha Theisen & Family, Eleanore Lewis, Rick Gubbels, Tracy Lewis, Bettina Perkins, Evelyn & Larry  
Dicks, Lyle & Sally Schram, Betty Nelson, Roger Nelson, Mark Nelson, Barb Madsen, Brad Harbaugh,  
and the Family of Roger Nelson. **Remember our Nursing Home Residents!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today:** Salem Drive Thru and Dine In Pork Chop Dinner, 11am-1pm. \$15.00 all meals.

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

**Missions:** We are collecting new or gently used blankets for the Warming Shelter and 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.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries:** Sept. 27-Jay & Trisha Theisen, Sept. 29-Velma Brant, Oct. 1-Daron & Holly Petersen, Oct. 2-Carol Davis, Oct. 3-Ed & Carol Davis; Rich Petersen, Oct. 5-Whitney Steinhoff.

**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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