GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

** Please rise in body or spirit*

Welcome and Announcements

Visitors, please fill out the connection card in the pew so we can send you a note

Opening Prayer Sandra Rowe

O God who knows our every need before we can even ask, you provide all our needs and some of our wants. You bless us all. Make us truly thankful and empower us to bless others from the gifts you have given us, for the glory of your name. Amen.

Prelude *Arietta* Samuel Coleridge Taylor

Choral Introit *The Steadfast Love of the Lord* Edith McNeill

***Call to Worship (Responsive)** Sandra Rowe

O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.
Give thanks to the Lord.
The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.
Give thanks to the Lord.
God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.
Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise is due to the Lord!

***Hymn** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* #435

Prayer for New Beginnings (Unison) Sandra Rowe

Dear God, thank you for this day. Help me hear others as I know that you always hear me. Open my heart and help me give myself with grateful praise to things you have set for me today. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace (Responsive)**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

***Congregational Response** *In My Life* #468 v.1,4

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today,
In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination Sandra Rowe

Let the wisdom of your Word rain down on us like manna and feed us, that we may be strengthened to do the work to which we are called, for the glory and honor of your name. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Psalm 105: 1-6 Sandra Rowe

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered, O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

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People: Thanks be to God.

Word in Music *I Will Exalt the Lord, My King* Gordon Young

Gospel Reading Matthew 20: 1-16

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous? 'So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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Sermon Rev. Jeff Sockwell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn** *Heaven Shall Not Wait* #773

***Affirmation of Faith (Unison)** Confession of 1967 (edited)

The reconciliation of humanity through Jesus Christ makes it plain that enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God's good creation. Because Jesus identified himself with the needy and exploited, the cause of the world's poor is the cause of his disciples. The church cannot condone poverty, whether it is the product of unjust social structures, exploitation of the defenseless, lack of national resources, absence of technological understanding, or rapid expansion of populations. The church calls every person to use their abilities, their possessions, and the fruits of technology as gifts entrusted to them by God for the maintenance of God's family and the advancement of the common welfare.

Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer (Responsive)

…through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who taught us this prayer:
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from

evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Little Prelude in F Major* J.S. Bach

***Doxology** #606

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn** *Come, Labor On* #719

***Blessing**

Beloved, may God continue to bless and keep you. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Postlude *Trumpet Tune in C Major* Hal Hopson

Those Serving Today	**Those Serving 09/27/26**
Rev. Jeff Sockwell, Pastor	Rev Don Morris, Guest Pastor
Sandra Rowe, Liturgist	Laura DeVries, Liturgist
Vikki Smith, Greeter	Louise Spry, Greeter
Paul Vincent, Technology	Paul Vincent, Technology
Rachel Gragson, Organist	Rachel Gragson, Organist
and Choir Director	and Choir Director

Prayer Concerns

Dawn Kidd, Joe Medlin, Deb Kuntzelman, Julie Foster, Tom and Kathy Traywick, Charles Gregg, Larry and Dianne Roby, Dylan DeVries, Brad and Kathy Post, Mary Midgett, Bette Lou Campbell, Joe Gibbs and Sam Gibbs, Norman Lawrence.

This Week

Sunday – Called Session meeting to receive new member 11:10 am
Sunday - Stated Session Meeting following worship (in the study)
Tuesday – Book Group 5:30 pm (in the parlor)
Wednesday - Tai Chi/Qigong 9:00 am (in fellowship hall)
Wednesday – SOULS Meal Prep starting at 2:30 pm
Thursday - Painting Pals 1:00-4:00 pm (in fellowship hall)

Announcements

Welcome – We are glad you are here.

New Member Sunday – We are happy to welcome Maggie DeVries as a new member of Cann. Maggie comes to us by Letter of Transfer from Caldwell Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC. She has been a part of Cann and we are grateful for her presence. Please welcome Maggie.

Blessing Box – This month we celebrate 3 years of supporting our neighbors with items in the Blessing Box. The most needed items for September are canned soup, peanut butter, and canned chicken.

We are collecting any calendars and utensil packets from any carry-out meals you do not need. A basket is in the fellowship hall by the outside door to collect these.

These Days Devotionals – The October-December copy of These Days is available in the rack in the narthex.

August Financial information:

Offering received	Offering needed:
August: $5005	August: $10,514

September Birthdays

September 8 – Elissa Myers
September 9 – Ife Berry
September 11 – Lativia Allen
September 13 – Deb Kuntzelman
September 26 – Bette Lou Campbell
September 29 – Amy Morris
September 29 – Vikki Smith

Cann Memorial Presbyterian Church

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2026

11:30 am



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