

Edisto Island
United Methodist Church



August 16, 2026 – 12th Sunday After Pentecost



Order of Worship

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #334 *(refrain)*

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of God, gathered from many places and stories.

We come seeking the One whose mercy knows no boundaries.

Come with hearts open to surprise, to challenge, to grace.

We come to listen for the Word that stretches our imagination.

Come, for Christ meets us here—welcoming, healing, transforming.

We come to worship the God whose love reaches beyond every wall.

*OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Holy and gracious God, you gather us in, not because we are perfect, but because You are merciful. You speak truth that unsettles us and grace that restores us. Open our hearts today to Your widening circle of compassion.

Teach us to listen as Jesus listened, to welcome as Jesus welcomed, and to trust that Your Spirit is already at work in every life we meet. Make this time of worship a place of healing, courage, and hope. In Christ's name we pray.

Amen.

*HYMN #368

"My Hope is Built"

CONFESSION OF SIN & PARDON

With confidence in God's Grace, let us now confess our sins.

Merciful God, we confess that we often draw lines you never drew. We decide who belongs and who does not, who deserves compassion and who should be sent away. We confess that fear sometimes speaks louder than faith, and convenience louder than love. Forgive us for the boundaries we protect and the voices we ignore. Break open our hearts, that we may see every person as your beloved child and respond with the mercy you have shown us in Christ.

(Let us confess our sins in silence)

Hear the good news: God's grace is wider than our fears, deeper than our failures, and stronger than every boundary we build. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of Living Word, as Scripture is read and proclaimed, open our ears to hear what we have ignored, open our hearts to receive what we have resisted, and open our lives to become vessels of Your mercy. Speak to us through these stories, that we may be shaped by your grace and sent forth in your love.
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 45: 1-15

PSALTER #850

Psalms 133

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

***THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 15: 10-28

SERMON

"Jesus' Bad Day?"

***HYMN #452**

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

THE OFFERING

ANTHEM

***DOXOLOGY #95**

"Praise God from All Blessings Flow"

PRAYER FOLLOWING THE OFFERING

Generous God, you pour out mercy that knows no limits and grace that crosses every boundary. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and use them to extend your compassion to neighbors near and far. Bless our giving and our living, that both may reflect the wideness of your love. In Christ's name, Amen.

***HYMN #370**

"Victory In Jesus"

***BENEDICTION**

Go now into the world as people shaped by mercy.

We go to listen, to welcome, and to love.

Go with courage to cross boundaries for the sake of compassion.

We go trusting that God's grace goes before us.

Go in the peace of Christ, who meets us in every voice that cries out for healing.

Amen.



Participating in worship today:
Margaret Green, Donna Padgett

Last Sunday:
August 9, 2026
Attendance: 41
(in person & online)
Offering: **\$1,288**

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(more info to follow)
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