

FUMC San Benito 6th Core Belief:
*A church that chooses love over hate; cooperation over competition; grace
over grudges.*



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15th *Sunday after Pentecost*

September 6, 2026- 10:30 a.m.

Welcome All!

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us either

On YouTube Live or in the Sanctuary.

First Time Visitors are Given a Special Gift

**Congregation, please stand if able*

PRELUDE

Tom Hoehn

Point to Ponder: The real victory is in striving to overcome our daily struggles.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Vernon Phillips

Leader: Teach us, Lord, to serve you as you deserve,

People: To give and not to count the cost,

Leader: To fight and not to heed the wounds,

People: To toil and not to seek for rest,

Leader: To serve You and not to ask for any reward except
knowing that we do your will.

—Ignatius Loyola (1491-1556)

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

No. 430

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

ANNOUNCEMENT

Rudy Hyde

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

No. 880

“The Nicene Creed”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Life is messy and people are messy and nothing happens in a straight line. We fall down again and again, scraping our elbows, skinning our knees and doing face-plants in the mud. But, in the midst of it all,

there is Christ — In this time of confession bring us to the place where we can Trust that God is with us and we are not alone.

A moment of silence your personal prayer of confession

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

followed by THE LORD'S PRAYER

YOUR GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Gracious God, we bring our gifts to your altar, asking you to dedicate them to do the work of love and compassion in the world. We learned from Jesus, who had compassion to fully give. Multiply these gifts with the love in which they are offered, that they might bring hope to those in need and might glorify and celebrate your love for all your children. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Tom Hoehn

***DOXOLOGY**

Scripture for September 1 Thessalonians 8:11

Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up.

1 Thessalonians 8:11

OLD TESTAMENT

Louise Humble

Genesis 32:24-28

Matthew 18:15-20

This is the Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

THE MESSAGE

Rudy Hyde

"Fight Before the Handshake. . ."

HYMN OF COMMUNIONHOLY COMMUNION

No. 618

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

HOLY COMMUNION

**100% of the September 2nd Mile Giving
Goes to help stop and prevent further
The Human Trafficking
Partnering with The Exodus Road**

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPESHIP

*You are invited to use the altar to come before God
You might be coming for the first time
or commit to a deeper relationship in your journey of faith.
All are Welcome for what ever moves you now.*

HYMN OF SENDING FORTH

No. 526

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: Go now into the world, strengthened by the gifts with which Christ has fed you. Walk in God's paths and never stray.

**People: May God's wonderful love be with each of us
everywhere; May Christ Jesus continue to feed us
with his body and word;**

Leader: And may the Holy Spirit confirm the truth in us and fill us with God's presence always.

People: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

Leader: And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People: Submit to God and God will bring the best out of you.

POSTLUDE

Tom Hoehn

