

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



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# 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 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: Meditative Prayer*

- *We are God's people; (breathe in)*
- *(breathe out) Together, we press on. May it be so.*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rudy Hyde

Leader: The apostle Paul calls us to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." What is the mind of Jesus?

**People: The mind of Jesus is to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.**

Leader: Paul reminds us that "it is God who is at work in you." How is God at work in us?

**People: God enables us through grace to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.**

Leader: Paul exhorts us to "work on your own salvation with fear and trembling." How do we work on our own salvation?

**People: We cooperate with grace to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.**

Leader: Beloved, we gather to worship God who, through Jesus, shows us how to love and enables us to love as Christ loves us.

**People: We gather to learn how to live in full accord through our love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.**

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

TFWS 2160

*"Into My Heart"*

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Rudy Hyde

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**No. 880**

*“The Nicene Creed”*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** Holy God, we know that in so many ways

- We have run from you,
- We have ignored your call,
- We have closed our eyes to your presence,
- We have disbelieved your mercy,
- We have disregarded your words,
- We have belittled ourselves,
- We have forsaken others.

**So we ask, once again, for your forgiveness. We ask you to stay with us as we turn away from what is wrong and hurtful to what is bright and life-giving.**

*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.**

## **HYMN OF PRAYER**

**No. 169**

*“At the Name of Jesus” (verse 1 only)*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**followed by THE LORD’S PRAYER**

## **YOUR GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** Humble Savior, as we bring these gifts, set aside in us the need to win, to hoard, to be first. Shape us instead for love, for shared work, for joy in serving side by side. Use what we offer to build a community where sacrifice is natural, mercy is instinctive, and hope rises in every heart. Keep forming us, not by force but by grace, until our living begins to look like Jesus. We place our offerings—and ourselves—in your hands. 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*

**NEW TESTAMENT**

**Louise Humble**

**Philippians 2:1-13**

This is the Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

**THE MESSAGE**

**Pastor Melissa**

*"Pressing On Sermon 2 in Series  
In Full Accord"*

**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**

**TFWS 2176**

*"Make Me a Servant"*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Leader: Beloved, remember: God is at work in you, enabling you to will and to work for God's pleasure.

**People:** As we go from this place of worship may God bless us with a spirit of joyful cooperation and Christian love as together we work with God and neighbor for the flourishing of all God's creation.

Leader: 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**