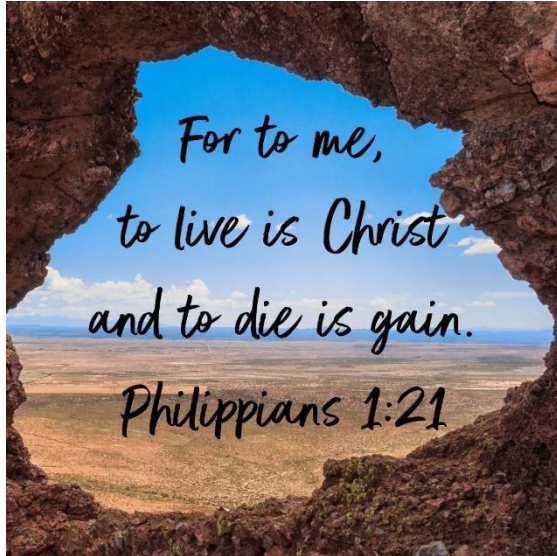


FUMC San Benito 6th Core Belief:

A church that chooses love over hate; cooperation over competition; grace over grudges.



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17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 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.*

***OPENING PRAYER**

Vernon Phillips

Leader: Mighty God, we enter your presence with thanksgiving and hope.

People: You have formed us as your people. You join us on the journey of life through valleys, upon mountains, and on the flat lands of life.

Leader: We set our attention and seek your wisdom, grace and encouragement,

People: Reveal your will and display your glory among your people as we worship your holy name.

ALL: Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

No. 662

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

ANNOUNCEMENT

Rudy Hyde

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

No. 880

"The Nicene Creed"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Pastor: Dear loving God, it seems we cannot decide. We say we will live to serve others but end up meeting only our needs. We claim to live in a way that honors Christ, but we do not take him to work, school, home.

People: Forgive us, Lord of Presence of Peace.

- **Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace.**
- **Instead of continual complaining, may we carry compassion to the hurting.**
- **Instead of whiners, may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet.**

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: Steadfast God, for us to live is Christ. In every season, you hold us, and in every struggle, you knit us together as one body. Receive these gifts as signs that we choose to stand firm, striving side by side, living as citizens of your kin-dom. Use what we offer to encourage the weary, strengthen your church, and bear witness that love is stronger than fear. Shape our common life to be worthy of the gospel, until our unity itself proclaims your grace. 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

Bill Elliott

Philippians 1:21-30

This is the Word of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Melissa

"Pressing On Sermon Series"

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 2032

My Life Is in You, Lord

*BENEDICTION

Leader: As you go from this place, may God bless us with
wisdom, courage, and perseverance to live our life in a
manner worthy of the gospel of Christ

**People: As we leave this house of worship we desire to
work, rest, play, and strive side by side with one mind
for the faith of the gospel.**

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

