



Faith Community United Methodist Church

5315 Harford Road
Baltimore, MD 21214
Pastor Ronald S. Dodson Sr.

Sunday, August 23, 2026 13th Sunday After Pentecost
10:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

Curtis Pitts

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME

Joan Sterlock

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Let us gather together all who love the Lord!

Let us proclaim Christ throughout the world as truly the Son of God!

Let lives be lived that others might also come to know God's love.

For it was in the Cross that God opened the way for our salvation.

Then let our hearts and voices be lifted up in praise for God's love.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

***OPENING HYMN:** UMH #117 "O God Our Help in Ages Past"

PRAYER FOR FAITH:

O God, You have empowered us to share Christ in so many ways; in our words, in our actions, and in the way we reach out and care for others. Lord, touch our hearts with Your love. In Christ we pray. Amen.

[Silent prayers of confession and forgiveness of others.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

All: Glory to God! AMEN.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: UMH p. 6

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 1:8-2:10

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 12:1-8

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*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 16:13-20

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PREPARATION: FWS #2164 "Sanctuary"

HOMILY:

Pastor Ron Dodson

WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

PRAISE REPORTS

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE OFFER THANKSGIVING

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY: *O God, we know what gifts we have presented this day for the work of your Church. Help us also to recognize the talents you have given us so that we may dedicate them also to the work of your kingdom. Amen.*

*DOXOLOGY: UMH #95 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE DEPART TO SERVE

REMINDERS

BLESSING WITH A MISSION

*CLOSING HYMN: FWS #2227 "We Are the Body of Christ"

We are blessed – and grateful – to have Curtis Pitts, Music Director for Eastern UMC, with us while Keith is on vacation. Keith will be back on September 6.

Thought for your journey: *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11*

In what areas of my life do I need to surrender control to God.

Scripture Lessons for August 30, 2026

- Exodus 3:1-15
- Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
- Romans 12:9-21
- Matthew 16:21-28

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Church Picnic Sunday September 13!

Bring a dish to share – sign-up sheet is in the sacristy as you leave the sanctuary.

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