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Daily Lectionary Readings

- **Monday, August 24, 2026:**
[Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32](#); [1 Samuel 7:3-13](#); [Romans 2:1-11](#);
- **Tuesday, August 25, 2026:**
[Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32](#); [Deuteronomy 32:18-20, 28-39](#); [Romans 11:33-36](#);
- **Wednesday, August 26, 2026:**
[Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32](#); [Isaiah 28:14-22](#); [Matthew 26:6-13](#);
- **Thursday, August 27, 2026:**
[Psalm 26:1-8](#); [Jeremiah 14:13-18](#); [Ephesians 5:1-6](#);
- **Friday, August 28, 2026:**
[Psalm 26:1-8](#); [Jeremiah 15:1-9](#); [2 Thessalonians 2:7-12](#);
- **Saturday, August 29, 2026:**
[Psalm 26:1-8](#); [Jeremiah 15:10-14](#); [Matthew 8:14-17](#);

Land Acknowledgement

We are on land that was faithfully stewarded and kept by indigenous people for countless generations. We honor and acknowledge that the following Nations and Tribes were present in the area now known as Montgomery County: Chippewa; Delaware; Eel River (Miami); Kaskaskia (Miami, Peoria); Kickapoo; Miami; Ottawa; Piankishaw (Miami, Peoria); Potawatomi; Shawnee; Wea (Peoria); and Wyandot. We acknowledge that the land was taken from these people with violence and without treaty. We recognize, too, that this was often done under cover of Christianity and the doctrine of discovery, which we renounce. We lament the misuse of our religion to oppress and kill. We honor the Indigenous people's ongoing work for recognition and their fight to recover that relationship with the land that has been so damaged by centuries of violence and oppression. We also want to acknowledge that as we continue to honor the land and her people, we have amongst us who are indigenous people displaced from other places. We care and acknowledge them in this statement of joy.



***"COME, WE MUST DEAL SHREWDLY WITH THEM
OR THEY WILL BECOME MORE NUMEROUS..."***

Exodus 1:10a

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ORDER OF SERVICE

August 23, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Youth Sunday

PRELUDE *José LaMont Jones*

ACOLYTE *Serenity Schiessler-Benson*

GATHERING PRAYER: In Unison

Holy and marvelous God!! You have been our help in the past. You are our hope for times to come, our very shelter from the tumult and storms of life. You are our God; you are with us through it all and despite all the challenges and difficulties we encounter. You offer us hope and serenity and comfort. You have created us in your image, and you have called us to live in peace and mutual love. We joyfully assemble once again in your presence to worship you in word and in song. May all that we do and say be acceptable in your sight and hearing. Bless this gathering and give us your peace. For we humbly pray in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen and Asé.

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *This Is the Day (insert)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: *Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;*

All: **sing the glory of God's name; give to God glorious praise.**

Leader: *Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"*

All: **Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.**

Leader: *All the earth worships you;*

All: **they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."**

Leader: *Come and see what God has done:*

All: **God is awesome in God's deeds among mortals.** (Ps. 66:1-5)

Leader: *Praise the Lord!*

All: **Make a joyful noise to God!**

ANOUNCEMENTS



Mia Perez, right, with Voices of Immigrants organization, leads a march as community leaders and residents gather for a rally at City Hall in support of Haitians, Sunday, Aug. 16, 2026, in Springfield, Ohio. "We are human beings," she said. "We bleed the same blood."

(Photo by Carol Guzy)

As ICE closes in, Ohio churches line up families to care for Haitian kids left behind

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio (RNS) — In Springfield, Ohio, ICE shifts tactics to stealth raids and ankle monitors. Churches are responding by helping Haitian parents line up temporary caregivers, preparing for the worst.

<https://religionnews.com/2026/08/17/as-ice-closes-in-ohio-churches-line-up-families-to-care-for-haitian-kids-left-behind/>

Session

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Stan Hirtle	Larry Hollar	José Jones
Jacqueline McKenzie	Obie Harris	Ivy Young

Board of Deacons

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Marcus Johnson	Pat Townsel	Bernetha Pulliam
Diann Harris	Marjorie Baker	MacArthur Lakes

Clerk of Session

Ivy Young

This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.
(Repeat entire song)

When Israel was in Egypt's land; Let my people go,
Oppressed so hard they could not stand, Let my people go.
Refrain: Go down, Moses, 'way down in Egypt's land.
Tell old Pharaoh, Let my people go!
2. Thus saith the Lord, bold Moses said; Let my people go,
If not, I'll smite your first-born dead, Let my people go.
(Repeat Refrain above)
3. No more shall they in bondage toil; Let my people go,
Let them come out with Egypt's spoil, Let my people go.
(Repeat Refrain above, twice)



Leader: College Hill Community Church seeks to serve God in all that we do, and in how we live our lives. These are weekly announcements describing some of our faithful actions as God's people.

CHOIR ANTHEM *The Lord Is My Light*

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The God revealed to us in the pages of scripture is a welcoming and inclusive God who directs us to love one another. We seek to remove all the barriers that keep us from that love. Come now to confess all that separates you from others and from God

All: God of compassion, in Jesus Christ, you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

A moment of silent reflection is kept

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us. Christ rose for us. Christ reigns in power for us. Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone, a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPPING WITH US

Leader: College Hill Community Church welcomes diversity in our worship and above all in the works of ministry that we do in our community and throughout the world. We welcome everyone to join in serving God and neighbor.

Líder: La Iglesia Comunitaria de College Hill acoge la diversidad en nuestro culto y, sobre todo, en las obras ministeriales que realizamos en nuestra comunidad y en todo el mundo. Invitamos a todos a unirse al servicio de Dios y al prójimo.

Leader: If you are worshipping with us for the first time today—or are back with us after a long time away—please share your name with us so we can welcome you.

Lider: Si usted está participando hoy en este servicio con nosotros por primera vez--o está de regreso con nosotros después de un largo

tiempo fuera--por favor comparta su nombre con nosotros para que podamos darle la bienvenida.

COLLECT PRAYER SHEETS AND PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: *If you have written out prayer requests on the sheets in your pews, the ushers will collect those requests now and they will be read during our prayer time.*

Lider: *Si usted ha preparado una oración escrita en los papeles en su banco, en este momento los ujieres vienen para recogerlas, y serán leídas durante el tiempo de oración.*

Leader: *Please stand now in body or in spirit and share the peace of Christ by saying: "The peace of Christ be with you." And in Spanish we say:*

Líder: "La paz de Cristo esté contigo."

Kiongozi: *And in Swahili we say: "Amani ya Kristo iwe nanyi."*

PRAYER AND SONG FOR THOSE WITH AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Leader: *On the fourth Sunday of each month, we celebrate all those with birthdays during that month. Of course, we have a special celebration today of Lloyd Jones's 100th birthday, but we also want to say a prayer of gratitude for all our friends who were born this month. So would everyone with birthdays in August please raise your hands so we can recognize and pray for you as well.*

Lider: *El cuarto domingo de cada mes celebramos a todos los que cumplen años durante ese mes. Por supuesto, hoy tenemos una celebración especial por el centenario de Lloyd Jones, pero también queremos elevar una oración de gratitud por todos nuestros amigos nacidos en este mes. Así que, por favor, que levanten la mano todos los que cumplen años en agosto para que podamos reconocerlos y orar también por ustedes. (En inglés, diga: Let us pray,) Oremos: Señor, damos gracias por las vidas de los hermanos y hermanas en esta comunidad de fe que nacieron en el mes de agosto. Ayúdales a conocer tu amor, dándoles esperanza and fe para servirte cada día. En el nombre de Jesús oramos, Amén.*

Leader: *Let us pray: God, we give thanks for the lives of our siblings in this community of faith who were born in the month of August. Help them to know your love, and give them hope and faith to serve you every day. In Jesus' name, Amen. And now let's sing!*

SPECIAL MUSIC BY CHOIR AND PRESBYTERIAN MEN

"His Eye is On the Sparrow" José LaMont Jones, solo

A presentation of a favorite hymn of new centenarian, Lloyd Jones

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Exodus 1:8--2:10; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

SERMON: **"Come, let us deal shrewdly with them..."**

Rev. Dr. Charles D. Tinsley, IV

HYMN *Go Down, Moses* (insert)

TOGETHER WE CONFIRM THE MISSION OF THIS CHURCH:

All: The mission of College Hill Community Church is
"Serving the God who loves and values all."

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

CHARGE

Líder: *Vayan ahora a servir como pueblo de Dios. Trabajaremos para eliminar todo lo que nos separa de los demás. Vayan ahora a compartir la gracia de Jesús. Amaremos a los demás tal como somos amados. Vayan ahora a ser la comunidad del Espíritu. Invitaremos a todos a unirse a nosotros en esta vida de fe y servicio.*

Todos: Amén.

Leader: *Now go, to serve as God's people. We will work to remove all that divides us from others. Now go, to share the grace of Jesus. We will love others just as we are loved. Now go, to be the Spirit's community. We will invite everyone to join us in this life of faith and service.*

All: Amen

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN *GO WITH GOD* LBH 138

POSTLUDE

**"KEEP THE FAITH, BABY BECAUSE GOD'S REALITIES ALWAYS
EXCEED [PEOPLE'S] FONDEST DREAMS"**

--Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.