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Daily Lectionary Readings

- **Monday, August 31, 2026:**
[Psalm 17](#); [2 Samuel 11:2-26](#); [Revelation 3:1-6](#);
- **Tuesday, September 01, 2026:**
[Psalm 17](#); [2 Samuel 11:27b-12:15](#); [Revelation 3:7-13](#);
- **Wednesday, September 02, 2026:**
[Psalm 17](#); [Jeremiah 17:5-18](#); [Matthew 12:22-32](#);
- **Thursday, September 03, 2026:**
[Psalm 119:33-40](#); [Ezekiel 24:1-14](#); [2 Corinthians 12:11-21](#);
- **Friday, September 04, 2026:**
[Psalm 119:33-40](#); [Ezekiel 24:15-27](#); [Romans 10:15b-21](#);
- **Saturday, September 05, 2026:**
[Psalm 119:33-40](#); [Ezekiel 33:1-6](#); [Matthew 23:29-36](#);

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.



**Let love be genuine...Live in harmony with
one another...Overcome evil with good**

Romans 12:9a; 16a; 21b

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ORDER OF SERVICE

August 30, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE *It Is Well*, arr. DiGesare Kristen Hoffman
ACOLYTE Emilia Zagal

GATHERING PRAYER: In Unison

Almighty God,

You are our creator and our sustainer. You who sent Christ Jesus to us with words of liberation, justice and peace. Teach us to know you through him, he who is the way, the truth and the life. May we, this beautiful summer day, and always, walk in harmony with his will and share the power of his eternal life. We approach you this fine morning with the confidence of your children and with exceeding joy, because you are a welcoming God. You open wide the gates and push down the barriers and boundaries to personhood and goodwill, in the mindlessness we create. You proclaim ALL the treasured somebodies in the world you created are cherished and welcome. Send your Holy Spirit by this way, look upon this assembly with your most glorious favor and grant us your perfect peace. We pray all this in the name of our Liberator and Savior, Jesus. Amen and Asé.

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *I Love You, Lord Today* (insert)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: *Bless the LORD, O my soul,*

People: *and all that is within me, bless his holy name.*

Leader: *The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.*

People: *The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

Leader: *The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.*

People: *Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion.*

Leader: *Bless the LORD, O my soul.* (Psalm 103:1, 6 ,8 ,19 ,22)

ALL: *Praise the Lord! Let us worship God!*

Presbyterian Center Hosts a Walk for Peace



About 100 people gathered at the Presbyterian Center Saturday, August 22nd for Walk for Peace Louisville. (Photo by Randy Hobson)

LOUISVILLE — Walk for Peace Louisville, an interfaith gathering of people seeking peace by working together, began and ended Saturday at the Presbyterian Center in Louisville, Kentucky. About 100 people turned out to hear brief speeches, sing, march for peace, and witness Louisville artist and teacher [Jenny Bell](#) build a mandala from flowers, ferns and seeds at the entrance to the headquarters of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

https://pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/2026/8/24/center-hosts-walk-peace?utm_campaign=21707023-Daily%20News%20RSS%202025&utm_medium=email&hsenc=p2ANqtz-o0oe3cfUhvvPI6g-RiW2ppf0EO5eGvIFycw-u01mHIOFJkH2aAFrWXk6gou3Xjrg3tVeSU5eShqYwrlu2WI2tscydyJRPz2rcsQFt2pQy7MJzSoaY&hsmi=434862946&utm_content=434862946&utm_source=hs_email

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

1. I love You, I love You, I love You, Lord, today
Because You care for me in such a special way.
And yes I praise You, I lift You up,
I magnify Your name.
That's why my heart is filled with praise.

2. My heart, my mind, my soul belong to You.
You paid the price for me way back on Calvary.
And yes I praise You, I lift You up,
I magnify Your name.
That's why my heart is filled with praise.
And yes I praise You, I lift You up,
I magnify Your name.
That's why my heart is filled with praise.

1. Somebody prayed for me, had me on their mind,
Took the time and prayed for me.
I'm so glad they prayed. I'm so glad they prayed.
I'm so glad they prayed for me.

2. The preacher prayed for me... 3. My mother prayed for me...
4. Jesus prayed for me...
5. Somebody prayed for me...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADERS ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CHOIR ANTHEM *This is the air I breathe* Marcus Johnson, solo

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Our God is a God of justice, waiting to be gracious to you, yearning to have pity on you. Blessed are all who wait for the Lord (*Isaiah 30:18*) In faith, let us make our confession to 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: Almighty God, who freely pardons all who repent and turn to Jesus, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace: forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from all unrighteousness, through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI PH 579

WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPING 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.*

Líder: *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.*

Líder: *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 FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Exodus 3:1-15 Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28

SERMON: *“Do not repay anyone evil for evil”*

Rev. Dr. Charles D. Tinsley, IV

HYMN *Somebody Prayed for Me* (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.”

WELCOME OF NEW CHURCH MEMBER

Sheryl Burney

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY PH 592

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CHARGE

Líder: *Lleven el amor de Dios al mundo. Compartiremos esto con sinceridad con todos aquellos con quienes nos encontremos. Lleven la gracia de Jesús a sus comunidades. Compartiremos la alegría de quienes se alegran y uniremos nuestras lágrimas a las de quienes lloran. Compartan la comunión del Espíritu con todos durante esta semana. Acogeremos a todos, especialmente a quienes se sienten solos y temerosos. Todos: Amén.*

Leader: *Take the love of God into the world. We will be genuine in sharing this with everyone we meet. Take the grace of Jesus into your communities. We will share the joy of those who rejoice, we will mingle our tears with those who weep. Share the Spirit's community with all this week. We will welcome everyone, especially those who feel alone and afraid. All: Amen.*

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN *GO WITH GOD* LBH 138

POSTLUDE *I Will Call Upon the Lord*, arr. Hayes
Kristen Hoffman

**“Love those who least deserve it more, because
they are the ones who need it the most.”**

José Luis Navajo

*Mondays with My Old Pastor: Sometimes All We Need Is a Reminder from
Someone Who Has Walked Before Us*

