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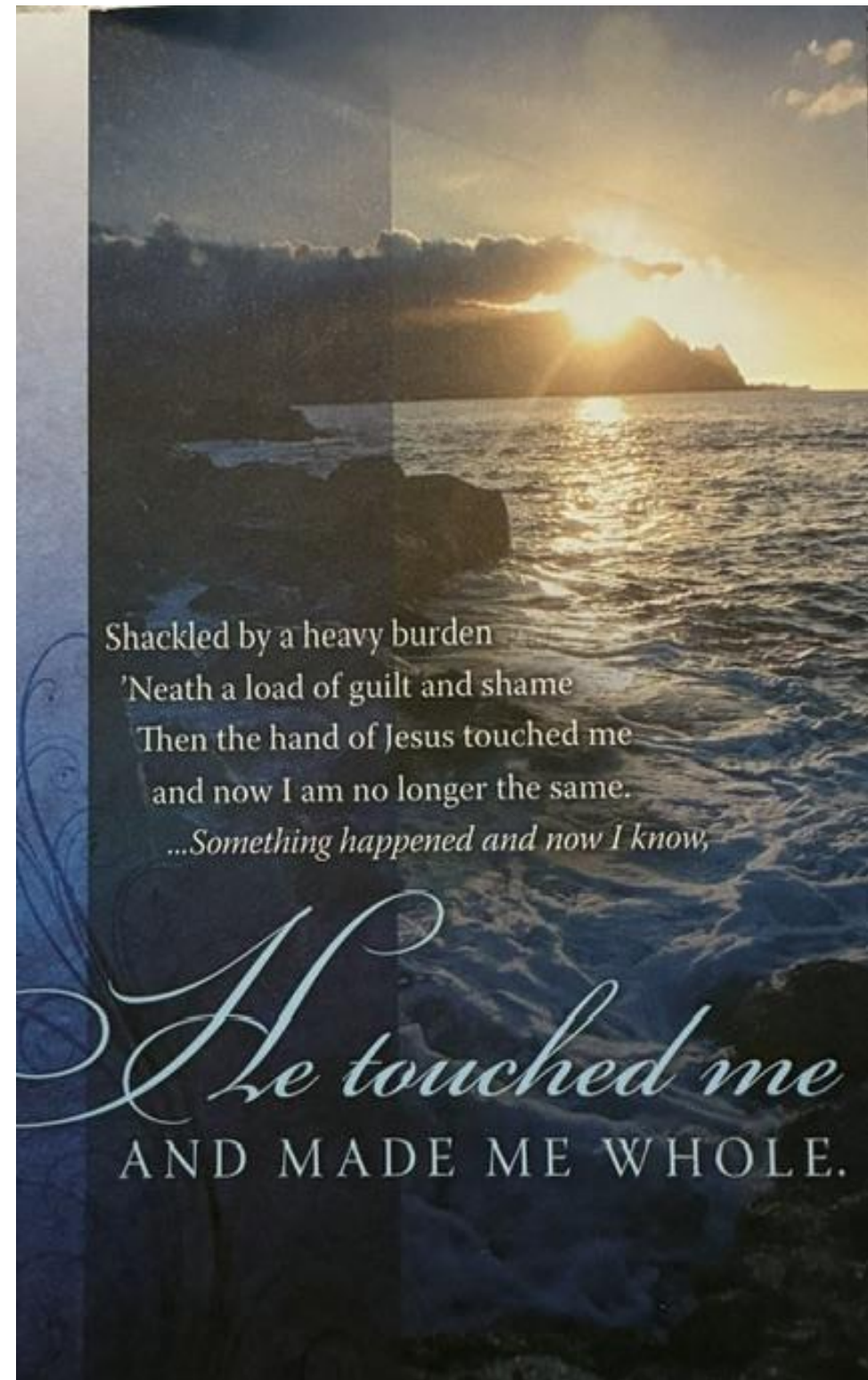
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Daily Lectionary Readings

- **Monday, September 28, 2026:**
[Psalm 28](#); [Judges 14:1-20](#); [Philippians 1:3-14](#);
- **Tuesday, September 29, 2026:** [Psalm 28](#); [Judges 16:1-22](#); [Philippians 1:15-21](#);
- **Wednesday, September 30, 2026:**
[Psalm 28](#); [Judges 16:23-31](#); [Matthew 9:2-8](#);
- **Thursday, October 01, 2026:**
[Psalm 80:7-15](#); [Jeremiah 2:14-22](#); [Colossians 2:16-23](#);
- **Friday, October 02, 2026:**
[Psalm 80:7-15](#); [Jeremiah 2:23-37](#); [Philippians 2:14-18](#); [3:1-4a](#);
- **Saturday, October 03, 2026:**
[Psalm 80:7-15](#); [Jeremiah 6:1-10](#); [John 7:40-52](#);

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.



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ORDER OF SERVICE

September 27, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE Ruth Gordon ACOLYTE Jasiah Johnson

GATHERING PRAYER: In Unison

Most Holy, righteous and magnificent God, it is your will to restore all things. We bow before you with gratitude for all you have done, all you are doing, and all the things you have promised to do on our behalf. We are grateful for the love and presence of family and friends; for our health and well-being; for our safety and comfort. We thank you for those things tangible, and for all the intangibles in this life. You have been so incredibly good to us. That's why we love you. And we come before your presence this lovely autumn morning ever seeking your blessing; to find the promise; to experience the bounty that your perfect love has promised us in faith. In Christ Jesus' name we pray. Amen and Asé.

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *Bless the Lord (insert)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: *Gracious God, forever seeking us,*

All: **Open our minds to the truth of your care.**

Leader: *Open our hearts to the gentle power of your love.*

All: **Open our lips to share stories of faith.**

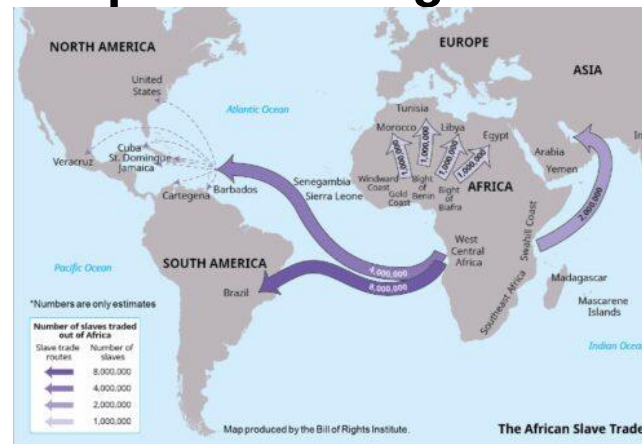
Leader: *Open our lives to do justice and show kindness.*

All: **Open our mouths to sing boldly and loudly your praises. Let us worship God!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Hispanic Heritage Month



HOW AFRO-LATINOS CAME TO BE

By Scholar-Griot Melanie Falu

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latinos-came-to-be/](https://www.abhmuseum.org/the-middle-passage/how-afro-latinos-came-to-be/)

Afro-Latinos are descendants of the formerly enslaved Africans in Latin America and the Caribbean. You probably know about slavery in the United States, but what do you know about slavery south of our border?

Millions of Black Africans were brought as slaves to Central and South America and the islands in the Caribbean Sea. At that time, Spain ruled most countries there, including Mexico, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Colombia, and Argentina - while Portugal ruled Brazil and France controlled French Guiana and a few islands in the Caribbean. Naturally, the Indigenous residents of these places had to learn to speak Spanish, Portuguese or French. So did their African slaves. (Because the Spanish, Portuguese and French languages came from the Latin language, Spanish, Portuguese and French speaking nations in the Americas make up Latin America.

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		
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Marcus Johnson	Pat Townsel	Bernetha Pulliam
Diann Harris	Marjorie Baker	MacArthur Lakes
Clerk of Session		
Ivy Young		

**Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

(Repeat)

Verse: He has done great things, He has done great things,

**He has done great things, bless His holy name!
(Repeat Refrain above, then verse again)**

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 30

“Violence with the Tongue”

Think now, who that was innocent ever perished? Or where were the upright cut off? Job 4:7

Scriptural Text: Job 4:1–11

VIA ZOOM



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TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CHOIR ANTHEM ,¿Con Qué Pagaremos?
(O What Shall I Render?) PH557

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: *Leader: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation. (Ps. 91:14-16)*

All: *Merciful God, forgive us that so little of your blessing reaches others through us. We are guilty of keeping silent when a word is needed. We treat your call to be fishers of people as a nice story to be kept at a distance. Forgive us, bless us, encourage us, empower us. Make us bold disciples who graciously and authentically share the good news of Jesus Christ with others in our words and our actions. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen*

A moment of silent reflection is kept

Leader: *Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. (Joel 2:12-13)*

All: *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

GLORIA PATRI PH 579

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.*

PRAYER AND SONG FOR THOSE WITH SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Leader: *On the fourth Sunday of each month we celebrate and lift prayers for all those with birthdays during that month. So would everyone with a birthday in the month of September please raise your hands so we can recognize and pray for you as well.*

Lider: *El cuarto domingo de cada mes celebramos y elevamos una oración de gratitud por todos los que cumplen años durante ese mes. Así que, por favor, que levanten la mano todos los que cumplen años en septiembre para que podamos reconocerlos y orar también por ustedes. Oremos: Señor, damos gracias por las vidas de los hermanos y hermanas en esta comunidad de fe que nacieron en el mes de septiembre. 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 September. 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!*

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 FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Exodus 17:1-7; Philipians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

SERMON: "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Rev. Dr. Charles D. Tinsley, IV

HYMN What a Friend We Have in Jesus PH403

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

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY PH 592

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CHARGE

Líder: *Hermanos y hermanas, recuerden que toda injusticia comienza antes de convertirse en ley. Comienza en el corazón humano, cuando el miedo nos hace dejar de ver a los demás como personas creadas a la imagen de Dios y empezamos a verlos como amenazas. Como seguidores de Jesús, estamos llamados a resistir cualquier temor que nos lleve a negar la dignidad de nuestros vecinos. Defender la participación de otros en la vida de nuestras comunidades no es simplemente un acto político; es una expresión de nuestra fe en un Dios cuya imagen está presente en cada persona. Al final, la verdadera pregunta no es quién pertenece, sino qué está formando nuestro corazón: el miedo o el amor de Dios.*

Todos: Amén.

Leader: *Friends, remember that all injustice begins before it becomes law. Injustice begins in the human heart, when fear causes us to stop seeing others as people created in God's image and start seeing them as threats. As followers of Jesus, we are called to resist any fear that leads us to deny the dignity of our neighbors. Defending others' participation in the life of our communities is not merely a political act; it is an expression of our faith in a God whose image is present in every person. In the end, the real question is not who belongs, but what is shaping our hearts: fear or the love of God.*

All: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN GO WITH GOD LBH 138

POSTLUDE

Ruth Gordon