

WELCOME to Worship at Grove Church
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026
Who Are You Carrying?



Assisting in Worship

Liturgist – Cindy George

Greeter – Sandra Harrelson

Ushers – Brad Hanford, Jim Schmidt and Jen Hardie

Grove Stream Team

Coffee Fellowship – Betty Traver and Sharon Taraschi

GROVE KIDS

Kids of all ages are welcome in worship!

We welcome families with children to use our **Grace Space** in front of the sanctuary. This purposely designed area allows space for children to fully participate in worship without being confined to a pew. There is ample seating for parents to be nearby to connect with their children as needed.

We also have a Nursery available for infants and toddlers.

GATHER

PRELUDE

"Prelude in A Minor"

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

***OPENING HYMN**

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

UMH #133

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Welcome! Welcome to the baggage we carry, the joys we share, the griefs we bear, and the worries we hold.

All: Come! Let us worship!

Liturgist: The voice of God is calling us to come with all that we are and all that we carry to worship.

All: Come! Let us worship!

Pastor: God calls us to gather, to receive grace in our gathering, and to reorient us again to the ways of God.

All: Come! Let us worship!

Liturgist: So, come, members of the family of God! Bring all that you are to be molded by grace, refocused toward Love, and woven together as community in Christ.

All: Come! Let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.

WORSHIP SONG

"He Reigns"

Peter Furler and Steve Taylor

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

SEEK

A MESSAGE FOR ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN

(Children of all ages are invited to come to the front)

YOUTH CHOIR

"Go Down Moses"

Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 2:1-5
Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord!
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Who Are You Carrying? Pastor Lenae

RESPOND

SONG OF RESPONSE "Believer" Rhett Walker Band

MORNING PRAYER with THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING "God Is Our Refuge"
Tabernacle Choir Allen Pote

DOXOLOGY "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

SEND

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP

***CLOSING HYMN** "We Are the Church" UMH #558

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING SONG** "They Will Know We are Christians by Our Love/By Our Love"

POSTLUDE

*-please stand in body or in spirit

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If you have been moved by your experience in worship today and would like to learn more about faith in Christ or get connected at Grove, our Pastors would love to talk with you. Please call the church office to schedule a meeting or email PastorStacy@GroveChurch.org.



Scan the QR Code to go to our **Grove Connect Page**. Here you can fill out a connect form, *give online*, and see all of the events and activities coming up here at Grove Church!

"The Grove Craft Group has created these wonderful lap blankets for anyone to take (total of 4). They will be located in Fellowship Hall in the trunks where we currently store the prayer shawls. Please sign the book located in the trunk so we have a record of them being taken. Thank you"



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