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Focus for Next Service

September 27th, 2026

Criticizing God

Exodus 17:1-7

Matthew 21:23-32

Public WIFI Log-in

PFUMC-Guest ***Password: ConnectMe!***

Let us know you are worshipping with us,
whether you are in the Sanctuary or on YouTube.

Please fill out a connect card in your bulletin
or use the comment section on YouTube
to make your prayer request known to the pastor.

He will include your thanks to God
and your prayer concerns in our pastoral prayer.

If you would like to add your prayers to the weekly prayer chain,
contact Karen Lynch at 717-571-5903 or karen_lynch@me.com.

9:00 AM Non-Traditional Service

10:30 AM Traditional Service

All services are both in person and live-streamed
on our website and YouTube.

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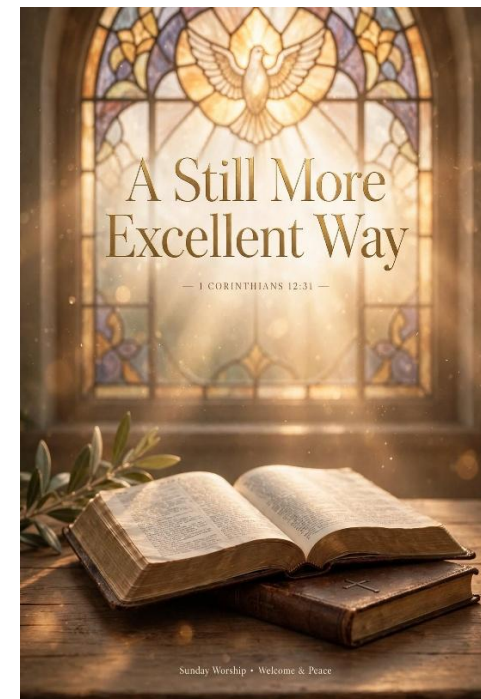
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September 20th, 2026
A Still More Excellent Way
10:30 AM Service

Serving Christ, Changing Lives!

*Congregation standing, as able

A Still More Excellent Way

Prelude

*Call to Worship Corl p. 173 (Lectionary Worship Aids)

Leader: God is here.

He knows the anxiety we experience
when we are troubled or frightened.

**People: God loves us,
even when we are impatient,
and provides for our needs.**

Leader: Let us lift our hearts in praise to God
for the wonderful ways in which he blesses us.

**People: Great is our God in whom we put our trust.
He does not leave us, or forsake us!**

*Opening Hymn #462 ""Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Opening Prayer Corl p. 173 (Lectionary Worship Aids) alt.

**O God,
you have never deserted us,
yet when trouble arises,
we are quick to worry or become afraid.**

Sometimes we blame you and ask why.

**Forgive us for not giving you our trust,
believing that you know our needs
and will provide for us.**

**Remind us of all the wonderful acts
you have performed for your people,
so we may know we have nothing to fear
with you being our God.**

**We pray through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Pardon and Assurance

The Lord's Prayer "using the word sins instead of trespasses"

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 16:2-15

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon

"A Still More Excellent Way"

*Hymn of Response #525 "We'll Understand It Better By and By"

Prayer for Strength

Corl p. 173 (Lectionary Worship Aids)

**Almighty God,
who provides for our needs,
even though we worry and complain.**

**Please strengthen our faith in your providence,
so we may live in the assurance
that you will care for us
and meet all our needs.**

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Offering

*Offertory Response #95 "Praise God For Whom...."

*Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer

*Closing Hymn #566 "Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love"

*Benediction

*Choral Response #522 (refrain only) "Leave It There"

Postlude