



**CENTRAL WESTSIDE
UNITED CHURCH**

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

WOULD THE REAL ABRAHAM PLEASE STAND UP

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Welcome!

‘Come as you are to share in our friendliness, laughter, and tears, and be spiritually refreshed.’

WE GATHER IN THIS PLACE....

Prelude:

Faith Peters

Welcome and Life & Work of the Church:

Ann Otterbein

Lighting of the Christ Candle & Fellowship Candles:

Ann Otterbein

The Christ candle is a sign to us that Jesus Christ has come into this world as the Eternal Light. The Fellowship candles remind us that Jesus' people are called to be the people of Light in this world.

As we light the Christ candle, let us hear the voice of Jesus saying, "I am the Light of the world" and as we light the Fellowship candles, let us also hear the voice of Jesus saying, "You are the light of the world."

Land Acknowledgement:

Ann Otterbein

Long before those of us who are settlers and those who are descendants of settlers came to this land to live, there were people here. We acknowledge that many Nations of Indigenous people have lived in this beautiful place we all now call home. We give thanks to this land and the first peoples who cared for it. May we honour them by committing to the stewardship and respect of this land and the harmony of its people.

Introit:

Come In, Come In and Sit Down

VU 395 refrain v.2 refrain

....APPROACHING GOD....

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Steinacher

Opening Prayer

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Opening Hymn:

Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing

VU 223

A Time for All Ages:

Wuppets

...TO HEAR GOD'S WORD...

Scripture: *(New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition)*

Lynn Kiddle

God offers us through prophets' and apostles' words of life which in faith become the living Word. From birth to rebirth we are offered new beginnings. Let us receive and envision new meaning from the Word in these readings.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Genesis 12

Response to God's Holy Word:

God never stops speaking! May we always be listening and wondering. **Thanks be to God!**

Music Interlude:**Faith Peters****Sermon:****"Would the Real Abraham Please Stand Up"****Rev. Dr. Steinacher****Sermon Response Hymn:*****All the Way My Saviour Leads Me*****VU 635**

....AND RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL....

Invitation to Offering:**Rev. Dr. Steinacher****Offering Response:*****For the Fruit of All Creation*****VU 227 v.3**

(Offering brought forward)

Dedication of Our Offerings:**Rev. Dr. Steinacher****Prayers of the Community:****Rev. Dr. Steinacher****The Lord's Prayer: (spoken)****On Screen****Closing Hymn:*****You Shall Go Out With Joy*****VU 884**

(stand as able)

Sending Forth & Blessing : (Please remain standing)**Rev. Dr. Steinacher****Postlude:*****More Waters Rising*****By: Saro Lynch-Thomason - Arrangement by: Faith Peters**