

*The Order  
Of  
Divine Worship*

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*Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

*September 18, 2011*

*10:30 A.M.*

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PRELUDE (Please register your attendance.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

(Please place your prayer cards in the baskets at this time.)

\* THE HYMN No. 139 (verse 1-3 UHM)  
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

\* THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 145: 8,9,14-17

The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**The Lord is good to all,  
his compassion is over all his creation.**

The Lord upholds all who are falling,

**and raises up all who are bowed down.**

The eyes of all look to you,

**and you give them their food in due season.**

You open your hand,

**you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

All the Lord's ways are just,

**all the Lord's doings are kind.**

\* THE HYMN No. 139 (verse 4-5 UMH)  
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*Let us be seated for prayer*

OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious God, we present ourselves to you in this stewardship season to know once more your call on our lives for this day and time. We humbly ask that you would give us ears to hear what the Spirit says to the church. Come and equip us by your word so that we would be faithful stewards of all that you have given us. Show us the tasks to which you have appointed us and grant us courage, willingness, and strength**

**to fulfill our high calling in Christ Jesus. We acknowledge our doubts and fears as we consider what lies ahead, but we lean on your everlasting arms for the support we need to serve you faithfully. We pray in the name of the one who gave himself for us. Amen.**

THE SCRIPTURE READING N.T. Page 172  
2 Corinthians 8:1-7

A STEWARDSHIP WORD Jeanne Sturm

THE ANTHEM "Think on These Things" Chancel Choir

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE REFRAIN "Jesus, We Are Here" No. 2273 (FWS)  
+ Personal prayers  
+ Prayers for others  
+ The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

THE REFRAIN "Christ Beside Me" No. 2166 (FWS)

THE MESSAGE The Rev. Anthony N. Cutting  
"The Grace of Giving"

THE HYMN "Freely, Freely" No. 389 (UMH)

THE PRAYER

GIVING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

\* THE DOXOLOGY No. 94 (UMH)

\* THE HYMN "Lead On, O King Eternal" No. 580 (UMH)

\* THE BENEDICTION

## SERVING IN THE LORD

Liturgist: Roger Sharpe  
Ushers: Jack & Karen Abbe, Keith & Alecia Bauerle  
Greeters: Carolyn Maynard, Becky Bastuk  
Counters: Gary & Brenda Boots, Bob & Sharon Raymond  
Trustee for Sept.: Dave Sutton (back-up Curt Moe)  
Coffee Hour Sept. 18:  
Lawn mowing Sept. 12-18:  
Sunday School Teachers: George Farner, Ruth Sutton  
Cleaning crew 1 Sept. 19-25: Bob & Sharon Raymond,  
Lavon Traskos

### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

Sept 24 Rod & Dawn Spangler 17 years

Sept. 19 Dawn Spangler, Sandra Gay

Sept. 22 Carol Becks

Sept. 23 Steve Ames, Mildred Reinhart



 *Altar  
Flowers*

*Altar flowers are given by  
Verna Gould  
In Memory of her  
Daughter, Janet*

### **Sanford United Methodist Church**

#### *Office Hours*

*Mon., Tues., Thur. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

*Wed. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*

*Office Closed on Friday*

#### **Our Staff**

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