

ORDER OF WORSHIP
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 24, 2025 10:00 AM GREEN
GATHERING

RINGING OF THE HOUR
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
♣WE GREET OUR WORSHIPING NEIGHBORS

PRELUDE:
INTROIT: *Jesus, You are the New Day*
INVOCATION: Jerry Loiselle

♣HYMN OF PRAISE: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* No. 133

♣CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: The Lord calls to us to go into the world—
People: We will go!
Leader: God commands us speak as God commands—
People: We will speak!

Leader: God assures us, “Do not be afraid”—
People: We trust that God will deliver us!
ALL: AMEN.

♣RINGING OF THE TRINITY
PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CALL TO PRAYER: *There’s a Spirit of Love in This Place*
PASTORAL PRAYER/ THE LORD’S PRAYER
WE WORSHIP WITH OUR COINS OF CHANGE
CHILDREN’S TIME: Lindsay Jackson
WE WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY:

♣DOXOLOGY No. 94
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *praying together*
God of mercy, by your Holy Spirit inspire us through your word,
and shape our lives according to your will.
Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

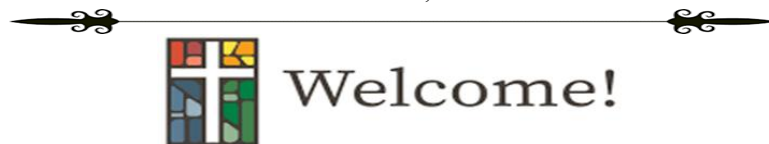
OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 58:9b-14*
GOSPEL READING: *Luke 13:10-17*
ANTHEM: *In the Grden* Solo by Reggie Noce
SERMON: “Set Free” Rev. Paula J. Stover

♣AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *The Apostles’ Creed* UMH #881
SENDING FORTH

♣HYMN OF DEDICATION: *O How I Love Jesus* No. 170
BENEDICTION: *Go Now in Peace*
POSTLUDE:

♣Congregation Stands [Please stand as you are able in body or in spirit]
*The Flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory
of God by Jan & Mark Terrell and Lori & Wayne Rogers in honor of
Jackson Terrell & Arianna Mancuso’s 18th birthdays.*

Lectionary readings for August 31, 2025
- Jeremiah 2:4-13 and Psalm 81:1, 10-16
- Sirach 10:12-18 or Proverbs 25:6-7 and Psalm 112
- Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
- Luke 14:1, 7-14



We welcome you to Socastee United Methodist Church!
Thank you for worshipping with us today. We love our new and
returning visitors and ask that you please put your name and contact
information in one of our red pads found in the pews.

NURSERY AVAILABLE
Nursery is available in the rear of the sanctuary for children through
age 4 during Sunday School and worship.
Children’s Church is available for ages 4yrs – 3rd grade in the
Fellowship Hall after Children’s Time.

WOMEN OF HOPE
The Women of Hope will be hosting the first Wonderful Wednesday
dinner of the season on September 10th followed by a Bingo night in
the Fellowship Hall. We hope everyone will come for an evening of
BBQ, fellowship and fun. Prizes will be awarded for bingo games.
There is no charge for the evening, but donations will be very much
appreciated. Hope to see you there.

NEW DIRECTIONS
On Monday, August 18, 2025, we served dinner to at least 145
homeless and hungry people at New Directions. We prayed with each
group before the meal and were blessed by how appreciative they all
were. We want to thank the volunteers who gave their time and energy
to prepare the meal and serve it: Deb and Lee Marin; Shirley Rossi and
Mike Greenwood; and Jimmy and Susan Redmon. The cupcakes are
always a big hit so thank you to Alice Dunn, Mary Lehr, Deb Marin,
Joanne Ryals and Sandra Stegall for baking them. It is such a blessing
to be a part of a group of people who are so willing to give their time
and talents to help others in need. Thank you to our church family for
supporting this mission opportunity.

ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR
The Adult Handbell Choir will resume practice on Wednesday,
September 3, at 5:45 PM in the Bell Choir Room.

SUNDAY SUMMER BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP
The Hospitality Committee will offer milk, juice, coffee, pastries, and
fruit in the Fellowship Hall from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, Sundays in
September, as a time to fellowship together before we worship together.

SERVING US TODAY
Choir Director: Lauren Willis
Organist: Marianne Eaton
Pianist: Lauren Willis
Lay Reader: Al Wood
Crucifer: Joanne Ryals
Acolyte: Al Wood
Ushers: Steve Shuppy, Ginger Ford, Alice Dunn, and
Lori Rogers
Steward: Chip Smith

<u>CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT SUMC</u>	
Today:	August 24
10:00 AM	Worship Service/NS
Monday:	August 25
All Day	TLC Teacher Workday
5:00 PM	Cub Scout Troop 891/FH
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop 891/FH
Tuesday:	August 26
All Day	TLC Teacher Workday
9:00 AM	Stitcher’s/John Wesley
2:00 PM	Upper Room Bible Study/FH 201
5:30 PM	Nominations Committee/John Wesley
Wednesday:	August 27
All Day	TLC Teacher Workday
6:45 PM	Chancel Choir Practice/FH-109
Thursday:	August 28
10:30 AM	Thursday Bible Study/John Wesley
12:00 PM	Gracie’s Heart/John Wesley
5:30 PM	TLC Open House/FH
Friday:	August 29
9:00 AM	TLC Open House/FH

MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITY
We will receive new members on Sunday, August 31. If you have
questions about joining the church, please contact Pastor Paula by
calling the church office at (843) 650-3373.

DISCIPLE 1 BIBLE STUDY: FAST TRACK
SUMC will be offering Disciple 1 Bible Study: Fast Track on
Wednesdays from 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM, beginning in September. Over
24 weeks, it will cover a large portion of the Bible with daily readings
and lessons, and weekly meetings to share those insights. We will
ALSO need willing hands to help with children for those weekly
meetings, so our young families have a chance to participate. If you are
interested, please call or text Sunny Fry at **843-421-4589**.

OUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT

In Hospital: No one at this time.

In Rehabilitation: No one at this time.

In Home Visitations: Dot Froelich, Kate Eley, Charlotte Minnick, and Emily Michael

REMEMBER OUR MILITARY MEMBERS IN PRAYER

The addresses of all our military family members will be held in the office and can be made available to anyone who would like them.

♣Major Jon-Michael Farino (USAF)	♣CT4 Halle Rae Anderson
♣Captains Jennifer and Marc Melfi	♣SSgt. Warren Scoggin
♣Airman First Class Cassie Edwards	♣CM Sgt. Jessica Heilman
♣Captain Melisa Hedges	♣M/Sgt. Nicolas McLaughlin
♣Specialist Isaac Hedges	♣Airman William Rogers

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BLUE STAR MOTHERS

The Blue Star Mothers want to thank you for contributing items for our Hero Boxes in the past. We will be collecting Items again this September and October. Halloween boxes are sent in early October, and Christmas boxes are sent in late November. A list of items will be in the bulletin next Sunday. Boxes will be in the narthex until November 2. If you have any leftover Halloween candy you are welcome to donate it to us. We use this leftover candy to fill full-size stockings for each Hero and Unit Box we send at Christmas. We also offer stockings to VA groups in the area. We will send Hero Boxes to any Deployed Military Person outside the US. They must be deployed through November to avoid returned boxes and have a FPO, DPO or APO address. When we begin collecting names, we will let you know.

GIVING QR CODE



In an effort to make it easier for regular attenders and visitors to give online, we have included a QR code on the bulletin. Simply scan the code with your smart phone and the link will take you directly to our secure online giving site in Realm.

A LOOK AT OUR FAITHFULNESS & ATTENDANCE

August 17, 2025

Sunday School – 15 10:00 AM Service – 112

Online Views – 74

BUDGETING OPERATING FUND [08/17/2025]

Received this week	2,624.95
Received this week online.....	1,415.00
Received this year	228,322.55
Operating expenses thru July 2025.....	240,676.14
Carryover Funds used thru July 2025.....	36,632.69

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS [08/17/2025]

Epworth.....	100.00
Aldersgate.....	210.00

BUILDING TOGETHER FOR TODAY & TOMORROW

"I will not offer to God that which cost me nothing"

2 Samuel 24:24

Received to complete Fellowship Hall [08/17/2025]	120.00
Loan Balance as of [07/24/2024] on Fellowship Hall..	169,247.99
Balance of Fellowship Hall Campaign Fund.....	680.00
YTD contributions for Fellowship Hall Campaign	7455.00

1875 SANCTUARY CONTRIBUTIONS [08/17/2025]

Received for 1875 Sanctuary.....	100.00
Balance of 1875 Sanctuary Fund	725.00

IMPROVEMENTS FOR PRESENT BUILDINGS/GROUNDS

[08/17/2025]

Received in Coins of Change for Improvements.....	66.00
Improvement Fund & Coins of Change Balance [CIF]..	19,714.34

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

If you are interested in serving in a leadership position now or in the future and/or on a committee, please let Pastor Paula know as she prepares for the work of the Nominations and Leadership Development committee's work this year prior to Charge Conference.

If you feel a nudge but don't know where you are gifted to serve, Pastor Paula can help you determine that as well as answer questions.

Please be in prayer about the way you might be gifted to serve and also for the work of the Nominations committee.

Potential areas of service:

Trustees

Staff Parish Relations

Missions

Hospitality - Martha's (fellowship/food)

- Special Friends (visitation)

Finance

Education

Worship

*We are a loving
congregation that
strives to show the love
of Christ to the world.*



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