

**WEEKLY SERVICE INFORMATION**

**Sunday Service with Eucharist 10:00 a.m.**

In-Person or Livestream at [www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/Livestream](http://www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/Livestream)

Children's Church · Fellowship Hall (After Worship until Communion)

Today's Teachers: Wendy O'Rourke, Dottie Cleveland,  
Mary Stern & Janet Nixon

## Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost · September 20, 2026

O Lord, you have taught us that without love, all our deeds are worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Second Reading** Philippians 1:21-28 **Page 1011**

**Gospel:** Matthew 20:1-16 **Page** 846

**Sermon:** It's Not Fair / Pastor Jim Brown

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ellen Belfi & Julie Hall

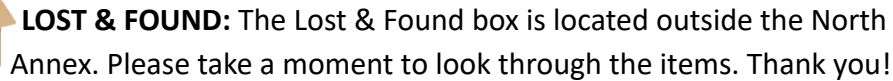
## THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

10:00 am Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)  
12:00 pm Connections Class (Fellowship Hall)

**TUESDAY**  
9:30 am CBS Day Class

**THURSDAY**  
9:30 am CBS Day Class  
7:00 pm CBS Evening Class

**CAUTION: PHISHING TEXTS AND SCAM EMAILS.** Please be cautious when responding to emails, texts, or phone calls that may be scams. If something seems suspicious or too good to be true, it's always best to verify before clicking links or sharing any personal information. Stay safe and alert!



**JOIN US ONLINE IN PRAYER** each Monday at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Enter Meeting ID 928 2372 1136 into your Zoom app, or go to [www.bit.ly/Monday-Prayer](http://www.bit.ly/Monday-Prayer).

## AUGUST 2026 GIVING

Budgeted giving to date: \$277,471.76  
Actual giving to date: \$223,740.22  
Under budget by \$53,731.54

*We believe God answers prayer! If you would like our prayer ministry to pray for your special need, write your request below, tear off the tab, and place it in the offering plate. God bless you!*

Prayer Needs:

☐ Include in bulletin

☐ Prayer team only

☐ Prayer team and bulletin



**WELCOME, VISITORS!**

We are delighted you came today! Looking for a church home? We warmly invite you to be part of our church family! To help us get to know you better, or if you have questions, please fill in this form, tear it off, and drop it in the offering plate or give it to an usher or pastor. You can also submit a Digital Connection Card at [www.churchofthemessiah.org/contact](http://www.churchofthemessiah.org/contact). Please feel free to call us anytime at 757-436-2545 or visit our website, [ChurchoftheMessiah.org](http://ChurchoftheMessiah.org). God bless you!

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be contacted?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ By phone ☐ By email

Please check all that apply:

☐ I would like a pastor to contact me.

☐ First-time visitor ☐ Returning visitor

☐ I would like to know more about

Church of the Messiah

☐ I would like to know more about

the Christian faith.

☐ I have decided to renew my

commitment to Christ.

☐ I would like prayer (see reverse).

My response to today's message:

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9.20.2026



*Celebrations*

Happy Birthday

September 23: Daniel Stern

September 25: Anne Lucier

September 28: John Murdock



*Please Pray*

*Please join us in praying for these requests throughout the week  
(Prayer requests will appear for one month unless requested otherwise.)*

**OUR NATION AND WORLD:**

- An end to hostilities in Israel and Ukraine, and peace for all people.
- Protection and healing for our nation, and an end to racism and violence.
- Guidance for our leaders in government.
- Help for all affected by war and violence, disease, and natural disasters.
- A movement of revival at home and abroad.

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY:**

Jim Flynn and family, the Knights, Josh Corona, Tom Waldman, Colleen Lucas,  
Ray Ross, our first responders and our members of the military.

**OUR OVERSEAS MISSIONARIES:**

Aaron and Winnie Coleman-Horvat, Croatia

The Rev. Bisoke Balikenga, Democratic Republic of Congo

David & Betsy, Turkey

His Love in Action School for the Deaf in Honduras

CMJ-Israel (Church's Ministry Among Jewish People)

Edith and Felix Prakash

**WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH:**

Diocese of San Joaquin

**AND THE DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC:**

Redeemer Anglican Church · Richmond, VA

Restoration Anglican Church · Arlington, VA

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*Our mission is to make tangible the life-transforming power  
of God's love so that all may come to know Christ.*



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**Interim Rector:** The Rev. Dr. Jim Brown

**Discipleship Pastor :** The Rev. Dr. Ken Shomo

**Deacon:** The Rev. Tom Sweeney