

# *An Order of Sunday Worship*

*The liturgical color for Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost is green, symbolizing the ongoing journey of discipleship and spiritual maturity during Ordinary Time.*

✠ Please stand in body or spirit.  
Spoken liturgy is printed in **bold**.  
Sung liturgy is printed in ***bold italics***.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Gillian Walters

PRELUDE	<i>Bell Prelude</i>	Henry Purcell
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✠ CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Wilson Newell

We gather to worship a God who seeks us out,  
**who leaves the ninety-nine to find the one lost sheep.**  
We come to hear stories of grace.  
**Our God welcomes us home with open arms.**  
Here, mercy overflows,  
**and forgiveness restores what was broken.**  
Let us rejoice together,  
**for in God's love, no one is ever beyond hope.**

✠ PROCESSIONAL HYMN *To God Be the Glory* UMH 98

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

✠ GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Newell

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE Emma Munderloh

CALL TO OFFERTORY

***New every morning is Your grace arising like the dawn.  
Your love has drawn us to this place, Your love will lead us on.***

OFFERTORY      *Calling My Children Home*      arr. Jennings

<p>1. <i>Those lives were mine to love and cherish, to guard and guide along life's way. Oh God forbid that one should perish, that one alas would go astray.</i></p>	<p>2. <i>Back in the years with all together, around the place we'd romp and play. So lonely now, I often wonder, oh, will they come back home someday.</i></p>	<p>3. <i>I gave my all for my dear children, their problems still with love I share. I'd brave life's storms, defy the tempest to bring them home from anywhere.</i></p>
<p>4. <i>I lived my life, my love I gave them, to guide them through this world of strife. I hope and pray we'll live together, in that great glad afterlife.</i></p>	<p>REFRAIN: <i>I'm lonesome for my precious children, they live so far away. Oh, may they hear my calling and come back home someday.</i></p>	

*During the singing of the Doxology, children in kindergarten through third grade are invited to make their way to the front of the Sanctuary for the Children's Moment.*

✠ DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER FOR THE NATION

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

***Our fathers' God to Thee, author of liberty, to Thee we sing;  
long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;  
protect us by Thy might, great God, our king. Amen.***

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rev. Kathy Jorgensen

✠ GOSPEL HYMN      *Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling*      UMH 348  
Verses 1-3

✠ THE GOSPEL Luke 15:1-32 Rev. Walters  
 The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

✠ GOSPEL HYMN      *Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling*      UMH 348  
Verse 4

SERMON                      A Joyful Giver:  
   *A Prodigal God*                      Rev. Walters

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Jorgensen

**Compassionate God, hear our confession of how often we judge and exclude, though you call us to welcome the lost and rejoice when wayward souls return to you. We hold grudges, we withhold forgiveness, and we fail to celebrate the grace that frees and restores. Forgive our hard hearts and our unwillingness to embrace your extravagant love. Teach us to welcome others as you welcome us: with open arms and joyful hearts. Amen.**

*All pray in silence.*

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: God's love is boundless and steadfast. No matter how far we have wandered, God runs to meet us with mercy and grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, accepted, and made whole.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

✠ HYMN OF INVITATION      *Grace Greater Than Our Sin*      UMH 365

✠ BENEDICTION Rev. Walters

✠ CHORAL BENEDICTION     *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*     Lutkin

✠ POSTLUDE *Fugue in C* Alessandro Scarlatti

## PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

<b>PASTORS</b> Rev. Gillian Walters Rev. Wilson Newell Rev. Kathy Jorgensen	<b>PASTOR OF MUSIC &amp; WORSHIP</b> Rev. Darrin Scott Isaac	<b>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC &amp; WORSHIP</b> Natalie Isaac
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ACOLYTES	USHERS
Garrett Philips	John Hensley (HU)
John Phillips	Scott Hunter
Joseph Rhodes III	Irvin Rentz, Jr.
Logan Philips	David Bush

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Charlie and Nancy Neal by their children David, Donny, Kathy, and Doug.

## COMMENDATION AND NEW MEMBER WELCOME

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and at Dauphin Way United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

# CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We will have Children's Church for children in kindergarten through third grade during the sermon in today's worship service. Children should be picked up by their parents from Room 215 in the Education Building after the service. Infants and toddlers may go to the Nursery, while 3 – 4K may go to Room 109.

## PASTORAL CARE

If you or a loved one are in the hospital, need prayer, or you would like to have a conversation with a pastor about your faith and relationship to Jesus, then please don't hesitate to reach out to us at [pastoralcare@dauphinwayumc.org](mailto:pastoralcare@dauphinwayumc.org). You can also call the church office at 251-471-1511 and set up a time when we can talk with you.

GET INVOLVED			
For more info, visit <a href="http://dauphinwayumc.org">dauphinwayumc.org</a> .			
SUNDAYS AT DAUPHIN WAY UMC	8:00 AM	<b>Sunday Morning Donuts</b>	McGowin Hall
	8:10 AM	<b>Children’s Nursery Opens</b> - Infants – 3-Years-Old - Ages 3 – 4K	The Treehouse E109
	8:20 AM	<b>Chapel Worship</b>	Adkins Chapel
	9:15 AM	<b>Adult Sunday School</b> Covenant Class Faith Development Class Open Hearts Open Minds	McDavid Library Dill Parlor Family Life Room
	9:30 AM	<b>Friends In Faith</b>	E125
		<b>Contemporary Worship</b>	Moore Hall
	9:50 AM	<b>Children’s Church</b> - Kindergarten – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	E215
	10:30 AM	<b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b>	Sanctuary
		<b>Fellowship for Everyone</b>	McGowin Hall
	11:00 AM	<b>Traditional Worship</b>	Sanctuary
	11:20 AM	<b>Children’s Church</b> - Kindergarten - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	
			E215
	4:30 PM	<b>Fall Programming</b>	DWUMC
	5:00 PM	<b>Youth SNL &amp; Dinner</b>	Moore Hall & The Refuge

WEEKLY SCHEDULE			
Mon – Fri	8:00 AM	<b>Meals On Wheels</b>	Kitchen
Mon – Tue	9:00 AM	<b>Society of St. Stephen</b>	E120
Mondays	10:00 AM	<b>Prayer Group</b>	Dill Parlor
Tuesdays	7:00 AM	<b>Men’s Prayer Breakfast</b>	McDavid Library
Wednesdays	6:00 AM	<b>Youth Morning Devotion</b>	Off Site; Carpe Diem
	10:00 AM	<b>Prayer Shawl Ministry</b>	Bishops’ & Family Life Rooms
	1:30 PM	<b>Centering Prayer</b>	Dill Parlor
	6:30 PM	<b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b>	Choir Room

THIS WEEK’S HIGHLIGHTS			
September 7-21	<i>All Day</i>	<b>Food Drive for Society of Saint Stephen</b>	McGowin Hall & the Gathering Place
Thu, Sep 25	7:00 AM	<b>Grits and Grace</b>	McGowin Hall
	6:00 PM	<b>Young Adult Gathering</b>	Off Site; Cheese Cottage
Sat, Sep 27	11:00 AM	<b>RJR Community Lunch</b>	Off Site; Greer’s St. Louis
Sun, Sep 28	<i>All Morning</i>	<b>Stewardship Sunday</b>	DWUMC

MARK YOUR CALENDARS			
Sun, Oct 5	<i>All Morning</i>	<b>Commitment Sunday</b>	DWUMC
	<i>All Day</i>	<b>White Xmas Signup Deadline</b>	N/A
Sat, Oct 11	9:00 AM	<b>Choral Boot Camp</b>	Choir Room
Sun, Oct 12	3:00 PM	<b>Bluegrass Hymn Sing</b>	Adkins Chapel
Oct 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, & 26	<i>Varies</i>	<b>Pumpkin Patch</b>	Pumpkin Patch (Corner of Catherine & Dauphin St.)
Sun, Oct 26	4:30 PM	<b>Trunk-or-Treat</b>	Pumpkin Patch
Thu, Nov 6	<i>All Day</i>	<b>Biblical History Center Trip</b>	Off Site; LaGrange, GA
Nov 14, 15 & 16	<i>All Day</i>	<b>Family Camp</b>	Off Site; Camp Blue Lake

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SOCIETY OF ST. STEPHEN FOOD DRIVE:** Help us stock the pantry and support our neighbors in need! Operated by volunteers, the Society of Saint Stephen is a part of Dauphin Way's Missions and Outreach ministry. This program offers financial donations to individuals or families within our community who need assistance with their power bills. This month, we are collecting non-perishable foods to stock the shelves of our pantry. If you'd like to donate to this cause, please see our item lists and drop-off boxes, which can be found in McGowin Hall and the Gathering Place.

**2025 DAUPHIN WAY UMC PUMPKIN PATCH:** Our annual pumpkin patch is right around the corner. This year, we are offering a different version of the Pumpkin Patch with a shortened season and fewer days – but it will still be the same beautiful pumpkin patch that Mobile loves! Please consider volunteering for a shift or two this pumpkin patch season. All proceeds from the patch go toward our Missions and Outreach ministry, and field trips are available upon request. For more details, visit [dauphinwayumc.org/pumpkin-patch-2025](http://dauphinwayumc.org/pumpkin-patch-2025).

**RJR COMMUNITY LUNCH:** Join us for a meaningful time of fellowship and connection as Dauphin Way’s Racial Justice and Reconciliation committee partners with Legacy UMC again for a community lunch! This time, we’re meeting at Greer’s Saint Louis Market in downtown Mobile on Saturday, **September 27**, at 11 AM. Enjoy a delicious taco bar while sharing stories, building relationships, and working together toward a more united community. Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend and come hungry. The cost for lunch is \$14 per person. Sign up at [dauphinwayumc.org/rjr-lunch](http://dauphinwayumc.org/rjr-lunch).

**TRUNK-OR-TREAT 2026:** Join us for Trunk-or-Treat on Sunday, **October 26**, from 4:30-6:30 PM during our Fall Programming! This event is open to the entire community. We will have candy, fun, and more. Want to join in the fun by decorating a trunk and handing out candy? Sign up at [dauphinwayumc.org/trunk-or-treat](http://dauphinwayumc.org/trunk-or-treat).

**STEWARDSHIP 2026:** This year, we are encouraging everyone at Dauphin Way UMC to become A Joyful Giver. By committing to faithfully participate in the ministries of our church, you can find more opportunities to express your love for Christ. On Sunday, **September 28**, our Stewardship series will continue, and we'll explore what it truly means to be good stewards of the resources God has given us. Then, on Sunday, **October 5**, we'll come together in worship to lift our gratitude for God’s blessings and make our 2026 commitments to support the life of Dauphin Way during the year ahead. Through our prayers, presence, service, and giving, we can continue to live out our mission statement of "Making Disciples Who Make a Difference." Make plans to join us for these special days of dedication and celebration!

**WHITE CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S CHOIRS SIGN-UP:** Children in 1st through 8th grade who would like to sing in the Joyful Noise and Wesley Singers performances for the White Christmas service on **December 14** must be signed up by **October 5** in order to participate. This ensures that we have enough students committed and can plan our music accordingly! Additional details can be found on the sign-up form at [dauphinwayumc.org/white-xmas-signup](http://dauphinwayumc.org/white-xmas-signup). Please email [Natalie.Isaac@dauphinwayumc.org](mailto:Natalie.Isaac@dauphinwayumc.org) or [Darrin.Isaac@dauphinwayumc.org](mailto:Darrin.Isaac@dauphinwayumc.org) with any questions or need for accommodations.

**BLUEGRASS HYMN SING AT DAUPHIN WAY:** Rev. Darrin Scott Isaac, Natalie Isaac, members of the Dauphin Way UMC choir, and a group of local bluegrass musicians are coming together to lead a spirited service of hymns on Sunday, **October 12**, at 3 PM in Adkins Chapel. This special gathering will combine the rich traditions of bluegrass music with the timeless words of our faith, as we raise our voices together in praise. A freewill offering will be received in support of the Music & Arts Fund. Come and share in this unique worship experience. Friends, neighbors, and families of all ages are welcome.

**BIBLICAL HISTORY CENTER DAY TRIP:** Join us for a day trip to the Biblical History Center in LaGrange, GA, on Thursday, **November 6**! The cost of the trip is \$160, which includes transportation, the tour, and lunch. The deadline to sign up is **October 19**. Don’t miss this opportunity to step into the world of the Bible and deepen your understanding of Scripture! Register at [dauphinwayumc.org/biblical-history-center-day-trip](http://dauphinwayumc.org/biblical-history-center-day-trip).

**FAMILY CAMP AT CAMP BLUE LAKE:** Join Dauphin Way and Spanish Fort UMCs at Blue Lake United Methodist Camp in Andalusia for our annual Family Camp, **November 14-16**! This is a special time set apart for us as a family of believers to spend time together. Family Camp is a truly wonderful time to reconnect with your own family, your church family, and with your Creator. We enjoy morning devotions by the lake, meals together, family games, worship, gaga ball, s’mores, hiking, crafts, and free time. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to commune with God and friends, a time of rest and growth, and so much fun! Join us for an experience you will never forget! Sign up at [dauphinwayumc.org/family-camp](http://dauphinwayumc.org/family-camp). The deadline to sign up is **October 31**!



*Dauphin Way United Methodist Church*  
*Mobile, Alabama*

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

11:00 AM SERVICE OF WORD