



**Peace United Church of Christ
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 2026**

Welcome

Opening Hymn “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne. Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Son of God, before the worlds began, And ye who tread where He hath trod, crown Him the Son of Man; Who every grief hath known that wrings the human breast, And takes and bears them for His own, that all in Him may rest.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

*Gather us in, O Christ, gather us in!
May we embrace our kindred in the peace of this place,
and in the world around us.
Bless us, Jesus, with your presence, and encourage us
to live in harmony with one another, listening to and learning from each other.
Amen*

Scripture Readings

Genesis 45: 1-15

Matthew 15: 21-28

Meditation

Prayers of the People/The Prayer of Our Savior (debts and debtors)

Closing Song “Nearer My God to Thee”

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee.
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!

There in my Father's home, safe and at rest,
There in my Savior's love, perfectly blest;
Age after age to be, nearer my God to Thee.
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!

Benediction & Sending Forth