

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 13, 2026

Count the Stars

Genesis 15:1-6

The Narrative Lectionary: Year 3



Concord-St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

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Welcome to Worship!

**Indicates standing in body or in spirit*

Prelude *Brahms Intermezzo Op. 116 No. 6* **Jared Yoakem**

Welcome **Larry Williams**

*** Call to Worship** (*bold in unison*) **Avis Russell**

Come, people of God. Seek the Holy One whose promises are sure.

God assures the faithful, saying, “do not be afraid.”

Like Abram, we may not see the fulfillment of God’s promises, yet we believe God is at work in our midst.

The God who numbered the stars knows us each by name.

Friends, we are called to covenant love. Let us worship our Lord who brings us together in community.

We worship with hope, as we know God’s faithfulness endures forever and ever!

*** Hymn of Praise** *How Firm a Foundation* **#529**

*** Passing of the Peace**

Meditative Hymn *Spirit of the Living God* **#393**

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (*in unison*)

Responsive Hymn *On Eagle’s Wings* **#143**

Children's Message

Prayer for the Illumination of Scripture *(in unison)*

Holy God, strengthen and guide us with your Word through the power of the Holy Spirit. We trust in you alone. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 15:1-6

* Hymn of Preparation

Hymn of Promise

#707

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:8

Sermon

Count the Stars

Rev. Rod Miller

Offertory Prayer *(in unison)*

Merciful God, your light is strewn across all of creation, we breathe with your Spirit, and we see the face of Christ in each other. May the gifts we bring today reflect our deep gratitude for your presence in our lives. Let them support ministries of reconciliation and acts of justice and welcome. Bless these gifts for our mission so that we may live with purpose and joy. Amen.

* Doxology

#94

Call to Engage in Ministry

Larry Williams

* Hymn of Sending Forth

My Hope is Built

#368

* Benediction

Postlude

Blessed Assurance

Jared Yoakem

We invite you to stay seated for the playing of the Postlude.

Floral arrangement provided by Pamn Klinedinst. "Remembering our former CSA youth Marc Sullins with love and gratitude. He was killed making a second rescue run to the WTC South tower on 9/11/01. Marc, you were a hero on a very awful day."

CSA is blessed to welcome Rev. Rod Miller as our guest preacher today! Rev. Miller is a retired Elder in the Baltimore-Washington Conference with 44 years of experience in pastoral ministry.

All are welcome for an enhanced Fellowship Hour (with lunch!) on **Sunday, September 20** as we brainstorm ideas for ministry with Dr. Bessie Hamilton, a Church Vitality Specialist of our Baltimore-Washington Conference!



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