


LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR		
PAUL’S JOURNEY OF CROSS CULTURAL TRANSFORMATION: POLARIZATION		
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 7, 2025		
Preaching	Worship Leader	Pianist/Organist
Phil Yoder	Ken Shenk	Anne Marie Spelman
Gathering		
Music Calls Us to Worship		
Welcome, Announcements, Centering		
Candle Lighting	Adam, Sarah & Carter Phillips	
Prelude	Nocturne in E minor, Op. 72, No. 1	Frédéric Chopin
Invocation		
*Opening Hymn	Come, Thou Fount	VT 563
*Responsive Reading – selections from Psalm 139		
One: Lord, You have searched me, and you know me.		
Many: You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.		
One: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.		
Many: Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.		
One: You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.		
Many: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.		
One: For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.		
All: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.		
Telling God’s Story		
*Hymn	Gott ist die Liebe v. 1 German, v. 1 & 2 English see note in Announcements.	VT 158
Conversation with Children	Siyahamba (We Are Marching) Xhosa; coming forward, English; returning to seats	Tim Byers VT 793

Community Prayer		Carrie Mast
<i>The Lord's Prayer (Miller)</i>		VT 673
Scripture	Acts 7:54-8:3, 9:1-2	Mary Ina Hooley
Message	<i>Is There an Opportunity Here?</i>	
<i>Living God's Story</i>		
*Hymn of Response	<i>Longing for Light</i>	VT 715
Offering		
Invitation		
Offertory	<i>Impromptu in D</i>	Michael Aaron
*Prayer of Dedication		
<i>Sending</i>		
*Hymn of Sending	<i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds</i>	VT 831
*Benediction		
*Postlude		
<i>*Please rise in body or in spirit - VT: Voices Together (Purple Bound Book)</i>		
 : <i>Anabaptist Heritage Hymn</i>		
<i>Parents of young children: God put the wiggle in children, so no need to suppress those wiggles.</i>		
<i>Sitting closer to the front makes it easier for your little ones to engage.</i>		
<i>Also, children learn their behavior by mimicking you. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses.</i>		
<i>Feel free to leave the sanctuary with your child, but you're welcome to come back.</i>		
<i>As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."</i>		