



Week of July 26 – August 1, 2026

9th Sunday after Pentecost

FOCUS VERSE

Matthew 13:33

³³*The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.*

SERMON NOTES:

What stood out in this week's sermon? (Theme, phrase, reference, etc.) What questions stir up within you? What do you want to explore further?

FOR FURTHER THOUGHT by Rev. Daniel Locke

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