

October 11, 2026 - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, 10:30 AM

\*Those who are able, please stand

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

**WELCOME**

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We hope the service will be a blessing to you. This is the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost. It's easy to let other things take God's place in our lives. Yet God never stops inviting us back, calling us to trust Him, and receive His grace.

*The flowers on the altar given by the Kevlins in memory of Bev VanAlstine.*

We offer a free lunch every Monday from 11:00 - 12:30  
Bible Study on Book of Revelation - Mondays 1:15pm  
October 19, 2026 - Monthly Food Distribution 10:00-1:00  
October 20, 2026 - Wells House Service with Certified Lay Servants  
October 20, 2026 - 77<sup>th</sup> Interfaith Tea at the Church of the Holy Spirit 11:15am

**MUSICAL PRELUDE** "There's Something About That Name" Pianist Mavis Baldwin

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** (In Unison)

Gracious God, when we wander, You call us home; when we stumble, You lift us up; and when we turn away, Your love welcomes us back. We rejoice in Your mercy, trust in Your grace, and Thank You that You're always open. Amen

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** Come, friends! The Lord has called us together, and the table of grace is ready!

**People:** We come with joyful hearts, ready to praise our God and celebrate His goodness!

**Leader:** God has invited us to lay down our worries, leave behind our distractions, and make room for His love.

**People:** We gladly accept God's invitation and come with hearts open to His grace!

**Leader:** God's mercy is new, God's love is steadfast, and His joy is our strength!

**People:** We have every reason to rejoice, for God has welcomed us into His presence!

**Leader:** So let us sing with gladness, worship with enthusiasm, and give thanks for the God who never stops calling us home.

**All:** With joyful hearts and grateful spirits, let us worship the Lord!

**GATHERING SONG**

"It's Me, It's Me, O Lord"

UMH 352

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (In Unison)

Gracious and loving God, we come before You with thankful hearts, grateful that You continue to invite us into Your presence. Forgive us for the times when we become distracted, too busy, or place other things before You. Help us turn our hearts back toward You and remember that Your grace is always waiting for us. Amen

**TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN** - Second Sunday Offering, Val Kevlin

**SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS** (Prayer request forms are at the back of the sanctuary)

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

UMH 420

**GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" Chancel Choir

**DOXOLOGY**

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

**UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING**

Gracious God, we thank You for all the blessings You have placed in our lives, both big and small. Receive these gifts we bring today and use them to share Your love, lend a helping hand, and bring hope to those who need it. Keep our hearts generous, our feet willing to serve, and our hands ready to do Your work. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**SONG OF COMMITMENT**

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

UMH 348

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (please stand)

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.

**GLORIA PATRI** (*We use this ancient response to praise God for the Bible*) UMH 70

**PSALTER READING** Psalm 100 UMH 821

**SCRIPTURE** Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 | Matthew 21:33-46

**SHARING THE STORY** “Don’t Miss the Invitation” Pastor Thad

**SENDING SONG** “Amazing Grace!” UMH 378

### **THE SENDING FORTH**

May we go forth with hearts full of God’s love, trusting His grace and sharing His light wherever we go. May our words bring hope, our hands bring help, and our lives remind others that God’s invitation is always open and there is always room at His table. Amen.

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE** “O How I Love Jesus” Pianist Mavis Baldwin

**Prayer List:** Ben as he grieves the passing of his grandmother, The Family of Bobbi Jean Shull, The Family of Carol Sinsinelli, Nancy Marsh, Ron Holly’s niece Kristen Shafer, Bob Baldwin, Pastor Ronald Talbott, Pastor Brad Chesebro, Joyce’s friend Joel, Gary Canfield, Bob Mabie, John Goodell, Derek Gray, Greg Gottung, James Medbury, James’ Mother, Warren Baldwin, Elaine Schrum, Carol Johnson, Bev Bartlett, Mike and Kacey Frederick, Sandy Marsh, Calae Bonfey, Ivy Patterson, The Sanfords and Don Williams

\*\*\* If you have a joy or a prayer request or would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain group, please call Carol Johnson at 518-921-9902 or Email - [prayers.nmsumc@gmail.com](mailto:prayers.nmsumc@gmail.com)

## *Welcome to Worship*

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