

October 18, 2026 - Twenty-First 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 Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost Jesus reminds us that there is more to a coin than the face stamped on it, just as there is more to each of us than what others see on the outside. God calls us to share His joy through our kindness, love, and the way we care for others.

The flowers on the altar are in memory of Leslie Perry given by the Capasso and Boles families.

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 from 10:00am - 1:00pm

October 20, 2026 - Wells House Service with Certified Lay Servants

October 20, 2026 - 77th Interfaith Tea| Church of the Holy Spirit 11:15am

October 21, 2026 - Second Session on "Supporting Our Youth Strategy Session"
to be held at North Main UMC in Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm

IF you are attending the Church Conference on Nov. 14 don't forget to register

MUSICAL PRELUDE "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" Pianist Mavis Baldwin

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (In Unison)

We are more than what the world sees on the outside. We are beloved children of God, created to share His love and joy with others. When we fall short, God's grace lifts us up, renews our hearts, and reminds us that every act of kindness can make a difference. Thanks be to God, who sees beyond our faces and loves us for who we are. Amen.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus reminds us to look beyond what we see on the outside.

People: For our worth is not found in our appearance or possessions, but in God's love.

Leader: God calls us to share that love through our words, and care for others.

People: We come together to open our hearts, find joy in God's presence, and spread kindness wherever we go.

Leader: Let us look beyond ourselves and see the goodness God has placed in us.

All: With joyful hearts and thankful spirits, let us worship God and share His love.

GATHERING SONG

"Lift High the Cross"

UMH 159

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (In Unison)

Loving God, we thank You for reminding us that there is more to life than what we see on the outside. Help us to look beyond appearances, to see the goodness in others, and to share Your joy through simple acts of kindness. Open our hearts to the needs around us, and help us bring a little more hope and happiness into the world each day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

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

"Let All Things Now and Living" Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Loving God, we thank You for the many blessings You give us each day. Help us to look beyond what we see on the outside and recognize Your love in every person. We dedicate these gifts, our time, and our talents to sharing Your joy with others. May our giving bring hope to those who are struggling, kindness to those who feel forgotten, and love to all we meet. Amen

INTRODUCTION OF REV. ANNA BLINN COLE

District Superintendent | Adirondack and Albany Districts



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

PSALTERY READING Psalm 139 UMH 854

SCRIPTURE Exodus 33:12-23 | Matthew 22:15-22

SHARING THE STORY “Beyond the Surface” Pastor Thad

SENDING SONG “This Little Light of Mine” UMH 585

THE SENDING FORTH
Loving God, send us out with joyful hearts and open eyes. Help us to look beyond appearances, see the goodness in others, and share Your love through simple acts of kindness. May our words bring encouragement, our actions bring hope, and our lives reflect Your joy one small act of love at a time. Amen

MUSICAL POSTLUDE “God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian” 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

Welcome to Worship

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We Gather to Worship

We Scatter to Serve

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