



Faith
UNITED CHURCH of Christ

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Sunday, October 4, 2026
10:15 a.m. Worship Service

19th Sunday after Pentecost

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

Time of Silent Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 111*) *Liturgist:* Lois Thurnherr

Leader: The works of the Lord are magnificent;

People: they are treasured by all who desire them.

Leader: God is famous for his wondrous works.

People: The Lord is full of mercy and compassion.

Leader: God gives food to those who honor him.

People: God remembers his covenant forever.

Leader: God's handiwork is honesty and justice;

People: all God's rules are trustworthy—

Leader: they are established always and forever:

People: they are fulfilled with truth and right doing.

INVOCATION

Come apart from the chaos awhile and dwell in the presence of God who is our source of being. God calls us to renew ourselves and our life's purpose and we gather with others who are searching. Let us worship together our God who has created all.

***HYMN** "How Blest Are They Who, Fearing God" Gray# 342 vs. 1-3, 5

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of truth, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know the promises we have made and the promises we have broken. You know that we have pledged to follow Jesus and sometimes we fail. Forgive us when we hesitate, when we are distracted, or when our fear keeps us from saying yes to what you ask of us.

Guide us to continue creating your kingdom on earth as Jesus taught and began for us. Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Pastor: God is full of steadfast love and mercy. God waits faithfully for us to turn to him with open hearts and will greet us with love and forgiveness. You are forgiven, healed and made whole.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with each of you.

People: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

ANTIPHONAL PSALM

Psalm 80:7-15

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:33-46 (*from the NIV*)

SERMON

"Stewardship"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from A New Zealand Prayer Book*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN** "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Gray #776

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving
Blessing of Elements***

Memorial Acclamation

Through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

The body of Christ,

the bread of life.

The lifeblood of Christ,

the cup of blessing.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Blessing

Invitation to Communion

Partaking Together

When the usher comes to your row, those who wish to partake should come forward by the center aisle. The Pastor will place a wafer in the palm of your hand and then you may take a cup from the tray. Sealed Communion packets are available to take back to your seat if you prefer. Wrapped and marked gluten free wafers are also available to take. Grapes and crackers are available for children at the table to your left of the pulpit.

Unison Prayer after Communion

Holy God, you come to us in bread and wine, that we may become more like you. With grateful hearts we ask that we may not be conformed to this world, but transformed, by the renewal of our minds. Help us to discern your will - to do what is good and acceptable and complete. Amen.

***HYMN**

"The Solid Rock"

Gray #517

***GIFTS and OFFERINGS**

There is an offering plate on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary. May God bless the missions of our church and the needs of the world through the gifts of our resources. Amen.



***DOXOLOGY**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING** *God Be with You* Gray #840 vs.1

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

For peace in this country and the world, for our military, for all involved in war, and those who have lost loved ones and are grieving. And also for those whose needs we do not know.

For Vickie Bieger, Stephen Dearth, Barb Fink, Scot Kish, Pat Granville, Priscilla Granville, Carol Mueller, Claudia Renzi, Phil Renzi, Chuck & Sheila Recktenwalt, Leroy Rockwood, Tom & Marilyn Rucker, Joe Ryan, Sally Schutt, Janet Taber. **For Those in the Military:** Jacob Braun, Zachary Braun, Justin Buczek, Sophia Rappl Raso, Jamie-Lynn Smerka, Justin Slighter, and Mark Williams.

OPERATING BUDGET INCOME & EXPENSES

Average weekly operating expenses: \$2,355

Offering collection from September 27, 2026: \$2,084

Current: \$2,053 Benevolent: \$31

Attendance on Sunday, September 27, 2026: 54

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today we have our collection for **Neighbors in Need offering**. Please join us for a **coffee hour** following worship.
- Wednesday, October 7th the **Women's Group** will prepare meals at Grace House.
- The **Men's Group** will meet on Saturday, October 10th at 9:00 a.m.
- **Fall Food Drive begins** October 11th. Faith will begin collecting non-perishable food items. There will be a box in the hallway for your donations.
- **Intro to Meditation:** Peace classes begin October 12th and will continue through November 16th on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. See bulletin board outside Church office.
- The **Craft Show** will be held on Friday October 16th from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday October 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Come and check out all the amazing craft items for sale! And it is never too early to start Christmas shopping! Hot dogs will be available on Saturday.
- There will be a **Congregational meeting** following worship on Sunday, October 18th for the purpose of voting on the 2027 church budget and the **church refresh project**. Please plan to attend this important meeting.
- Tuesday, October 20th **Board Meeting** at 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, October 25th is **Stewardship Kick-off. Blessing of the costumes. Trunk or Treat** will be held in the church parking lot and following worship there is an **Endowment Committee Meeting**.