Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026
10:30 a.m.

OUR LORD'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

There's a Place for You Here

*As you view and participate in this worship please note that **bolded text** invites ALL to voice.*

Gathering Music "As the Deer" by Martin J. Nystrom

GATHERING TOGETHER

Think on This for Today

Joy gives us sustenance to maintain life, hope, resilience, and perseverance, even in the most impossible circumstances. Joy isn't an escape.

Prelude "Nearer, My God, to Thee" by Lowell Mason

Graceful Engagement
Good morning, Church, I see you!
I am here!

Welcoming Praise
Come, let us enter this time of worship with great joy!
Let us celebrate the goodness of God!
Let us open our hearts to God.
O God, accept our praise and turn our hearts toward You!

*Praise Song "He Has Made Me Glad" FWS 2270

*Call to Worship
Beloved, God's never-ending love spills out all around us, drawing us together in beloved community with God, neighbor, and all creation.
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

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God's always-present grace surrounds us, enlivening us to love ourselves and our neighbors just as Christ loves us.
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!
God's persistent peace sweeps through us, guarding our hearts and empowering us to live as agents of God's mercy and justice wherever we go.
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!
May our rejoicing overflow into our families, neighborhoods, and the whole earth that through our living, working, resting, and playing, God may be glorified.
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

*Greeting One Another
The peace of Christ be with you. **And, also with you!**
Please take a moment to greet those worshipping with you.

*Opening Hymn "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" *vs. 1, 4* UMH 715

*Unison Prayer
Open our hearts and our spirits to hear Your healing words of peace and love, O God. Help us be the people of service and justice that You have called us to be. Make us ready to heal rather than harm; to serve rather than sever. Give us hearts of joy and justice, for we offer this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

LEARNING TOGETHER

Scripture Reading Philippians 4:1-9 NRSVUE

Response
Here ends the reading.
May we be blessed with insight and understanding that inspires.

Children's Message "Rejoice in the Lord, Always"
One: And, Jesus said... **ALL: Let the children come!**
Children are invited to join adult leaders for a short learning time after the message. They rejoin us here in worship as we bless our offering in song and prayer.

Sermon "Rejoice in the Lord" Rev. Eric Swanson

RESPONDING TOGETHER

(please text prayers to 414-378-4012 and Pastor Kelly will receive them)

Response Song "Give Thanks" FWS 2036, abbreviated

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.
And now, let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich"
because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!**

Caring for Community
Be sure to write prayer requests, joys and concerns on the prayer board.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer ALL Together
Pray in the language and version of the prayer that most speaks to your heart.

Invitation to Giving

Offertory "This Is My Father's World" by Franklin L. Sheppard

*Doxology UMH 95, words adapted

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, the heavenly host;
Praise God, the Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*Blessing Prayer
Steadfast Joy, when "always" feels larger than our capacity, You remain near. In gratitude, we bring these gifts, signs of love learned from You. Quiet our anxious hearts and turn our attention toward what is true, honorable, and worthy of praise. Shape us into a people whose generosity is gentleness made visible, whose offerings declare we are on the side of our neighbors. Receive what we place in Your hands and let it become courage, welcome, and hope. Guard us with Your peace as we press on in Christ. Let it be so.

*Responsive Sending Forth

Beloved, as you go from this place, may the peace of God that surpasses all understanding surround you.

We pray for the centering of our minds on whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, excellent, and worthy of praise.

And may the peace of God empower you to press on.

We press on, with rejoicing!

*Final Blessing

*Closing Hymn "Where Charity and Love Prevail" *vs. 1, 2, 5, 6* UMH 549

*Postlude "May the God of Hope Go With Us" Argentine Folk Melody

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Lectionary readings: Exodus 32:1-14 *"The golden calf"*; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 *"God's favor for the people"*; Philippians 4:1-9 *"Rejoice in the Lord always"*; Matthew 22:1-14 *"The parable of the unwelcome guest"*

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Highlighting, with gratitude, these servant leaders for today...

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