Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 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 "Jesus Loves Me" by William Bradbury

GATHERING TOGETHER

Think on This for Today

We give thanks for the opportunity for the ripples to go out from the little things we do to lift up those around us. We give thanks for the gift of life itself and the blessing of living in a world of wonders.

Prelude "As the Deer" by Martin Nystrom

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

Welcoming Praise
Look around at this wondrous world!
God's mighty acts in creation are magnificent!
Look around at the diversity of God's people!
Diversity is to be celebrated for we have much to learn from each other.
Come, let us offer praise and prayer to God.
Let us celebrate all God's goodness, for even in the midst of the horrible storm, God is with us!

*Praise Song "Cry of My Heart" *all verses* FWS 2165

*Call to Worship
We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
The Spirit empowers us to live as imitators of Christ in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.
We belong to God, and through God, we learn to love one another.
The Spirit inspires us to receive God's Word with joy in a world that rejects the good news.
We belong to God, and through God, we live in joy with one another.
Come, let us worship in the assurance of God's love that chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the family of Christ.
We come to worship God in the assurance that we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

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

*Opening Hymn "My Life Flows On" *vs. 1, 2* FWS 2212

*Unison Prayer
Loving, living God, be among us now. Show us Your ways. Guide our steps. Live in us, that we may be people of steadfast hope and powerful giving. Help us hear Your words, challenging us to give You all the things that are Yours. Help us remember that all we are and all we have are gifts from You, gifts to be shared in service and love. Holy One among us, help us be a holy people who receive Your word with joy and live your message with love. Amen.

LEARNING TOGETHER

Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 MSG

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

Children's Message
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 "With Grateful Hearts"

RESPONDING TOGETHER

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

Response Song "Blessed Assurance" *vs. 1, R* UMH 369

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 "For the Beauty of the Earth" by Folliott Pierpoint

*Doxology "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!

*Blessing Prayer
Gracious God, You choose ordinary people and weave them into a community that shines with Your love. We thank You for the gift of belonging - for the call to live our faith in ways that ripple outward into the lives of others. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our willingness to be witnesses to Your grace. Use what we offer to encourage the weary, welcome the searching, and strengthen Your church as a living example of hope. May our shared life together always point to Christ, whose love calls and sends us. Let it be so.

*Responsive Sending Forth
May God bless you with the assurance that you are beloved.
We go empowered and equipped by the Spirit to live as God's people in a world in desperate need of the good news.

*Final Blessing

Respond "Yes!" after each blessing phrase and join in ALL together for the final phrase: "This day and in every day to come!"

*Closing Hymn "My Life Flows On" *vs. 3, 4* FWS 2212

*Postlude "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" by Joseph Scriven

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Lectionary readings: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 *"Death of Moses";* Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 *"Show your servants your work";* 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 *"The apostle's concern";* Matthew 22:34-46 *"Loving God and neighbor"*

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

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