Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Holy Communion
October 4, 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 "How Great Thou Art" arr. Bernadine Johnson

GATHERING TOGETHER

Think on This for Today

When we press on, we press on through many avenues. We press on through spiritual disciplines. We press on through acts of mercy. We press on through justice work and world-transforming efforts that bring wholeness to ALL people. We press on to build community, not just to take care of ourselves.

Prelude "Shall We Gather at the River/Down to the River to Pray
UM Hymnal

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

*Call to Worship
We live in a world that entices us with influence, power, and accolades.
We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call.
Sometimes we find ourselves wishing for heaven without working to bring heaven to earth.
We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call to live righteously here and now.
Other times, we find ourselves exhausted by working for the gospel, wondering if anything we do is making a difference.
We remind one another to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call, leaning on Christ as the source of our perseverance and hope.

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Beloved, God calls us not to escape this world but to build the kingdom of God in this place and in this time.
We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call to embody God's mercy and justice as we build God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

*Opening Hymn "Majesty, Worship His Majesty" UMH 176

*Unison Prayer
Gracious and Patient God, as we come to You this day, we are mindful of the many ways in which we have so easily turned our back on You. Turn us around again, O Lord. Open our hearts and our spirits to receive Your holy word that we may again walk in the path of true discipleship. Amen.

LEARNING TOGETHER

*Scripture Reading Philippians 3:4b-14 NRSVUE

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

Sermon "Use What You Have"

RESPONDING TOGETHER

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

Response Song "Grace Alone" *all verses* FWS 2162

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

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Giving

Offertory Music "The Gift of Love" UM Hymnal

*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

Faithful Shepherd, You call us beyond our resumes and our trophies, beyond what we have been toward who we are becoming in Christ. As we lay these gifts before You, free us from clinging to what we think gives us worth. Turn our eyes toward the future You are unfolding. Let our giving press us deeper into mercy, widen the circle of belonging, and shape us into people who embody Your justice and grace. Keep us moving; keep us growing; keep us following. We press on toward Your kingdom, trusting You to lead. Let it be so.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
(liturgy for ALL on screen)

Invitation *ALL are welcome at this Table!*

Preparing Our Hearts

*Reconciling Action

*Celebration Hymn "Great Is the Lord" *vs. R, 2, 3* FWS 2022

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer
Pray in the language & version of the prayer that most speaks your heart.

Instructions/Giving and Receiving *a gluten-free option is available*
Signal the servers if you'd like to be served where you are seated. Remember to place your offering in the labeled plates when you come forward to receive Communion.

Prayer of Thanks

*Responsive Sending Forth
Go in peace, and let the light of God's love shine on you.
We go out to be God's love and light and to share it into God's world and with ALL of creation.

*Final Blessing/Call to Discipleship

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 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" *vs. 1, 3* UMH 89

*Postlude "Blessed Be the Name of the Lord" from FWS

Need hearing assistance? Hearing assist devices are available. Visit our tech room and someone will help you.

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...

Wendi Haubert, Izzy Veit, Rebecca Landgraf, Kathy Depies, Decker Henninger, Sue Broker, Karen Haubert, Don Mains, Amy Veit, Debbie Huyck

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Worship resources: **Ministry Matters, https://www.ministrymatters.com/, Discipleship Ministries, https:// www.umcdiscipleship.org/, Doxology from "Praising God" by Ruth C. Duck/Patricia Wilson-Kastner, Presentation of Breads is adapted from K. HawkerSelf, http://liturgyoutside.net**

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