Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 2026
9:45 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 "Sweet Hour of Prayer" by William Bradbury

GATHERING TOGETHER

Think on This for Today

This week centers on remembering as an act of praise, highlighting how singing helps us tell the story of God's faithfulness.

Prelude "This Is My Father's World" by Franklin Sheppard

Graceful Engagement

*Call to Worship

Over the turbulent waves in our lives, Jesus calls us.
We get so busy watching the waves, we block out Jesus' call.
Look again. Jesus is calling to you.
Lord, help us hear Your voice.
Come, place your trust in Jesus.
Lord, forgive our doubts, receive our lives.

*Opening Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" *vs. 1, 2, 5*
UMH 139

*Opening Prayer

Lord, we come to You this day, seeking Your healing and restoring love. Give us courage to reach out to You in the good and easy times as well as in the times of strain and stress. Open our hearts to receive Your message of peace and hope. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

LEARNING TOGETHER

Children's Message And Jesus said... **Let the children come!**

Scripture Reading Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b CEB

Response
This ends the reading and hearing of today's lesson.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Why We Sing"

RESPONDING TOGETHER

Response Hymn "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" FWS 2195

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

Morning 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
The peace of Christ be with you. **And, also with you!**

*Doxology TUNE: LOBE DEN HERREN, 14.14.478 (ref. UMH 139)

Praise to the One who has destined us ALL to salvation.
Praise to Christ Jesus who sends us in love to ALL nations.
Worship afresh One who is poured on ALL flesh,
Spirit of love and vocation!

*Blessing Prayer
Faithful God, we lift our voices and our gifts in grateful memory of Your saving work. You call us to sing of Your goodness and to remember Your wonders, even when the way forward is hidden from view. As Joseph was used for life in a time of scarcity, so use these offerings for hope and healing in a hungry world. Make us instruments of Your purpose - seeds of justice, salt of compassion, and signs of Your steadfast love. Receive what we bring as praise made tangible, and send us out as a people who remember, who trust, and who sing of Your deliverance in every season. Let it be so.

*Responsive Sending Forth
Go from this place with joy, giving thanks to God, proclaiming His goodness, celebrating His love, and worshipping Him with your lives.
God is faithful to a thousand generations. We place our trust in God's mercy and love.
Go into the world in peace.
We go confident of God's presence and love for ALL creation.

*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 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" *vs. 1, 2*
UMH 103

*Postlude "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by J. S. Bach

Notes:

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Lectionary readings: Genesis 45:1-15 *"Joseph reconciles with his brothers";* Psalm 133 *"How good it is to live in unity";* Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 *"God's mercy to all, Jew and Gentile";* Matthew 15:21-28 *"The Canaanite woman's daughter is healed"*

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

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"love boldly, serve joyfully, lead courageously"