Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 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

Pressing on is not about throwing ourselves against brick walls with no regard for our own well-being. Paul reminds us, we are to press on to the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Prelude "I Love You, Lord" by Laurie Klein

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

*Call to Worship
In times of busyness and stress when we feel surrounded by challenges on all sides...
We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.
In times of joy and rest when we feel the goodness of God's provision and abundance deep in our bones...
We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.
In times of conflict and distress when we feel just how hard it is to live in unity together...

cont.

We gather to learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.
Disciples of Christ, come, let us worship God who empowers us to press on...
As we learn to strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

*Greeting One Another
The peace of Christ be with you. **And, also with you!**

*Opening Hymn "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" *vs. 1, 3* UMH 715

*Unison Prayer
Mighty God, we enter Your presence with thanksgiving and hope. You have formed us as Your people. You join us on the journey of life through valleys, upon mountains, and on the plains. We set our attention and seek Your wisdom, encouragement, and grace. Reveal Your will and display Your glory among Your people as we worship Your holy name. Amen.

LEARNING TOGETHER

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

*Scripture Reading Philippians 1:21-30 NRSVUE

Sermon "Striving Side By Side"

RESPONDING TOGETHER

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

Response Song "Together We Serve" *vs. 1, 4* FWS 2175

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

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 "People Need the Lord" by Greg Nelson & Phil McHugh

*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 God, for us to live is Christ. In every season, You hold us, and in every struggle, You knit us together as one body. Receive these gifts as signs that we choose to stand firm, striving side by side, living as citizens of Your kin-dom. Use what we offer to encourage the weary, strengthen Your church, and bear witness that love is stronger than fear. Shape our common life to be worthy of the gospel, until our unity itself proclaims Your grace. Let it be so.

*Responsive Sending Forth

As you go from this place, may God bless you with wisdom, courage, and perseverance to live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

We go to work, rest, play, and strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

*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 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" *all verses*
FWS 2153

*Postlude "My Life Is in You, Lord" by Daniel Garner

Notes:

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

Lectionary readings: Exodus 17:1-7 *"Water from the rock";* Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 *"Recounting God's power";* Philippians 2:1-13 *"Christ humbled to the point of death";* Matthew 21:23-32 *"A parable of doing God's will"*

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

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"love boldly, serve joyfully, lead courageously"