

Spreading the Word And Living The Love Of Jesus
20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2026

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

We Turn Our Hearts to Worship God

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

People: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

Leader: The Spirit empowers us to live as imitators of Christ in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

People: We belong to God, and through God, we learn to love one another.

Leader: The Spirit inspires us to receive God's Word with joy in a world that rejects the good news.

People: We belong to God, and through God, we live in joy with one another.

Leader: 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.

People: We come to worship God in the assurance that we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2026.

***Opening Hymn** "Living For Jesus" #2149(FWS)

***Opening Prayer - Unison**

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.

Written by Mary Scifres on the Ministry Matters

***Passing of the Peace**

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Please use a Bible or a Bible App for the scripture reading.

Leader: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

Pastor Ann Marie Carley

Hymn Of Praise

"Thank You Lord #84 (UMH)

Offering & Special Music

Ushers will pass the offering plates through the aisles. Please place your prayer cards in the plates.

***Doxology Hymn**

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" #625(HWC)

***Prayer of Dedication**

Song of Prayer

"I Love You, Lord" #2068(FWS)

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

"O Spirit of the Living God" #539(UMH)

Benediction

Postlude

** indicates - please rise in body or spirit*

Prayer cards are available in pews. Please place your prayer cards in the offering plate as it passes.



Prayer Requests & Celebrations

Congregational Concerns:

- For our members who are homebound or reside in nursing care centers.

World Concerns:

- For those in need in our community, country, and worldwide
- For our missionaries serving in our country and other areas around the world

Welcome
TO WORSHIP



*Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to
acknowledge those who work hard among you, who
care for you in the Lord and who admonish you.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:12*

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