



October 11, 2026

WELCOME! We're glad you're here!

At Messiah Church, we covenant to become love in word, action, and deed. **We welcome and affirm the full inclusion of all people** — all ages, all races and ethnicities, all LGBTQIA+, all political affiliations, all economic statuses, and all abilities — into the life and ministry of the church. Moving forward in bold hope, we renew our commitment to follow the inclusive example and teachings of Jesus. We choose to become love.

This bulletin can also be accessed online on our website and church app. To view the online version, visit MessiahChurch.org/resources. The online bulletin includes web links for any gray, underlined text.



Let us know you worshipped with us by using our printed or online [Connect Card](#). You can also include a prayer request which will be shared with our Pastors and Prayer Team.

First time here? We'd like to thank you with a donation in your honor to one of our community partners. Select the organization of your choice on your [Connect Card](#).



Thank you for financially supporting Messiah Church! There are many ways to give: an offering box is just outside the sanctuary; online at MessiahChurch.org/give; through our app; by scanning the QR code; or by mailing your offering to Messiah Church, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth, MN 55447.

TRADITIONS WORSHIP

8:45 AM

- Prelude *Children of the Heavenly Father* (Hughes)
MGN - Messiah's Good News
Welcome & [Attendance](#)
* Hymn #140 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*
Children's Prayer & Sunday School Release
Second Mile Offering Speaker Dennis Massie
Prayer Hymn #405 *Seek Ye First*
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer
Anthem *Open the Eyes of My Heart* (arr. Schrader)
* Scripture: [Hebrews 12:1-2a](#) Joan McNutt
Message *Social Media and Comparison Culture*
* Hymn #399 *Take My Life, and Let it Be*
[Offering](#) & Offering Prayer
* Benediction *Aaron's Blessing* (Ortega)
° Postlude *How Firm a Foundation* (Broughton)

JOURNEY CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

10:30 AM

- MGN - Messiah's Good News
* Praise Songs *God So Loved* (Bergthold)
Holy Forever (Tomlin)
[Welcome & Attendance](#)
Children's Prayer & Sunday School Release
Second Mile Offering Speaker Dennis Massie
Prayer Song *Cornerstone* (Mote)
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer
Scripture: [Hebrews 12:1-2a](#) Linda Brown
Message *Social Media and Comparison Culture*
Anthem *Made for More* (Baldwin)
[Offering](#) & Offering Prayer
* Benediction *Aaron's Blessing* (Ortega)
° Postlude

* Please stand as you are able.

° You are invited to be seated and enjoy the postlude or to leave the sanctuary quietly.

LOVING GOD. LOVING EACH OTHER. LOVING THE WORLD.

GROW PRAY STUDY (GPS)

A Daily Devotional

Monday 10/12	<u>James 2:14-26</u>
Tuesday 10/13	<u>Psalm 30:5b-12</u>
Wednesday 10/14	<u>1 Peter 3:13-17</u>
Thursday 10/15	<u>Luke 22:25-30</u>
Friday 10/16	<u>Matthew 5:43-48</u>
Saturday 10/17	<u>2 Timothy 4:5-8</u>

Find the weekly GPS online at MessiahChurch.org/resources. To receive the daily GPS by email, contact Carolyn Loeffler in the church office at cloeffler@messiahchurch.org.

PRAYER

Lift Up Our Church Family in Prayer

Prayers for Health and Healing for:

Carol B, Chuck E, Johnna H,
Dennis L, Sandy M, Tom M,
Ed P, Barb W

Prayers for Those Serving in the Military:

Grant C, Jin J, Tim M,
Tyler W, Elisabeth W

At Messiah, we love walking with children and youth on their journeys to follow Jesus. To do that, we offer several Sunday morning classes: **Children in pre-K through 5th grade** gather for KID Street Sunday School during worship. Kids begin in worship, are released to Sunday School mid-service, and can be picked up downstairs after the service is ended. **Youth in grades 6-8** gather in the Youth Room for Sunday School during worship. Youth begin in worship and are dismissed with the kids mid-service. Nursery care is available during worship for **infants and toddlers (through age 3)**. These children can be dropped off downstairs in the KID Street HQ before worship begins. *Kids and youth are always welcome to remain in the sanctuary if your family prefers to worship together.* Prefer to keep your little one with you? We're not bothered by wiggles or noise! If it's helpful, activity bags are available at the back of the sanctuary, and worship is streaming in the atrium and Heritage Hall. Ushers are happy to help guide you.

For your comfort: An **induction hearing loop** is available in our sanctuary for those with t-coil hearing aids or cochlear implants. **Large print bulletins** are available from an usher. **Fragrance-free**

pews are located in the far right section as you enter the sanctuary (nearest to the lake) for those who are sensitive to fragrances.

COMING UP @ MESSIAH

Stay connected to all things Messiah during the week at MessiahChurch.org, "Messiah United Methodist Church" on Facebook, YouTube or Instagram and the "Coming Up @ Messiah" weekly email. To receive our weekly emails, contact Carolyn Loeffler at cloeffler@messiahchurch.org, and she will place you on the email list.

Flu season is just around the corner! Be prepared with the **Flu & COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic**, provided by Cub Pharmacy, this morning from 9:30 am-12:30 pm in the church office. Adults and children (ages 9 and up) can receive the Flublok (ages 9-64) or the Fluzone High-Dose (ages 65 and above) influenza vaccine and/or the 2026-27 Moderna mNEXSPIKE COVID-19 vaccine. Walk-ins will be accepted if the schedule permits. Please bring your health insurance card, and your prescription/pharmacy insurance card (if applicable) or be prepared to pay cash.

Parents and youth in grades 9+ are invited to a **Confirmation Orientation/Information meeting** in the Youth Room (lower level) today, Sunday, October 11 at 9:45 am. Confirmation allows youth an opportunity to take a closer look at

the inner workings of Christianity and the Methodist Church. Our 2026-2027 Confirmation Class kicks off on Sunday, November 1 at 9:30 am and meets (for the most part) on the first and second Sundays of each month through May. Contact Sami Tierney, Director of Youth and Family Ministry, at stierney@messiahchurch.org for more information.

As part of Messiah's ongoing commitment to inclusion, join us for a three-session **book study of Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others** by Barbara Brown Taylor. Facilitated by Messiah member Holly Schlangen Rice, this discussion-based study will explore how understanding other faith traditions can deepen and strengthen our own faith. The group will meet Tuesdays, October 13, October 27, and November 10, from 6:30-8 pm in the Fireside Room (lower level). Participants should bring their own copy of the book to class. If you'd rather borrow than buy, the Hennepin County Public Library has multiple copies available. To reserve your spot in this study, please RSVP to Heather Felt at hfelt@messiahchurch.org.

There will be **no KID Street, Youth Group, or parent faith group meetings on Wednesday, October 14** due to the MEA

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(Minnesota Education Association) school holiday.

Are you wondering what living option is right for you or a loved one as you grow older?

Understanding the many choices available can feel overwhelming, but planning ahead can bring peace of mind. Next Saturday, October 17, from 9:30-11:30 am, join us for a presentation where Sondra Weinzierl, Messiah member and Director of Education for the Faith Community Nurse Network of the Greater Twin Cities, and Jennifer Bauernfeind of Comfort Keepers Home Care will help you explore where to live as you age. They will discuss a variety of living options, and helpful tips and resources to guide your next steps. Family members are welcome (and encouraged) to attend. RSVP by Thursday, October 15 to Heather Felt at hfelt@messiahchurch.org to reserve your seat. ***This session is part of Messiah's Living Well Series. Invite your friends, family members, and neighbors!***

To learn more about the Methodist faith, Messiah Church, our pastors, and getting connected, you are invited to attend **Lunch with the Pastors** next Sunday, October 18 at 11:45 am in the Fireside Room (lower level). Even if you are not “new,” if you have never attended a Lunch with the Pastors, you are invited! Lunch will be provided — please RSVP to Heather Felt at hfelt@messiahchurch.org or (763) 473-6968 ext 114 by Thursday, October 15. (If childcare is needed, please let Heather know.)

This fall, a new faith group is forming for young families! Bring the whole family and join us on Monday, October 19, at 6:30 pm in the KID Street Headquarters (lower level) for a time of connection and community. This group will meet monthly, offering space for

kids to play while adults spend time visiting and supporting each other. Each month will highlight a new discussion topic around faith and family. Children and youth are encouraged to attend. Join the “Young Family” group in the Messiah Church app, or contact Pastor Bethany Nelson at bnelson@messiahchurch.org for more information or to let her know you are coming.

Just one life lost to suicide is too many. Just one conversation can make all the difference. Join us on Wednesday, October 21 from 6:30-8 pm (doors open at 6 pm) at Wayzata High School Auditorium 2 (4955 Peony Lane N, Plymouth) for **Just One — a free, community-wide concert & suicide prevention event**. Designed for middle and high school students, this event offers resources and encouragement for parents, caregivers, educators, and anyone who cares for or works with teens. The evening features Sam Eaton, founder of the Recklessly Alive Foundation and author of several books on mental health, who will share his powerful story of hope, resilience, and the day suicide didn't win. Just One is FREE and open to the entire community. Invite a student, parent, friend, or neighbor who could benefit from this message of hope and support. Visit tinyurl.com/JustOnePlymouth26 for more info & to register (not required, but is encouraged). ***Please note: Messiah Youth Group will not meet at Messiah on Wednesday, October 21. Instead, students are encouraged to attend this Just One event at Wayzata High School as our youth group gathering for the evening.***

There's something extra special rolling into Messiah this year! Join us on Sunday, October 25 from 10:45 am-12 pm for a FREE community **Trunk or Treat featuring a visit from the famous**

Oscar Mayer Wienermobile!

Enjoy trick-or-treating, Halloween games, costumes, photo ops with the Wienermobile, and FREE grilled Oscar Mayer hot dogs (while supplies last). Costumes are encouraged, and everyone is welcome, so invite your family, friends, and neighbors. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll move the fun indoors. ***Remember, before the festivities begin, we'll gather for a single combined service at 9:30 am for a Worship Together Sunday. Can you host a trunk?*** Here's how it works: bring your vehicle on October 25 and park in the marked location in our parking lot. Decorate your vehicle... especially the TRUNK! (Come early so you can decorate AND attend worship. You can be as simple or elaborate as you'd like.) Come dressed in costumes too, just for fun. The kids walk from vehicle to vehicle, collecting candy the way they would trick or treating door-to-door. If you would like to host a trunk, sign up at the KID Street table in the atrium, or contact Kari Stern, Director of Children and Family Ministry, at kstern@messiahchurch.org. Can you **purchase a bag or two of candy** to help us host this community event? Candy donations will be collected through Wednesday, October 21 and can be dropped off in the marked bin in the atrium at Messiah (next to the KID Street table) on Sundays or during church office hours (Monday-Thursday 9 am-4 pm).

On Election Eve, Monday, November 2, from 6-8 pm, let's come together as a church family with a **“We The People” Potluck**. Wear purple and bring a dish to share (based on the first letter of your last name — see below). We'll hand out ballots to vote for your favorite dish, there'll be election day trivia and door prizes, and we promise no talk of politics! Let's celebrate the freedom we enjoy

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and ELECT to have a great time together! Last names beginning with A-H: bring a salad or side dish; last names beginning with I-P: bring a main dish; last names beginning with Q-Z: bring a dessert. No need to RSVP, but if you have questions contact Heather Felt at hfelt@messiahchurch.org or (763) 473-6968 ext. 114. Can you help us host this event? Visit tinyurl.com/WethePeopleatMessiah26 for a list of serving opportunities and to sign up. Volunteer shifts are set up so that you can help serve AND attend the event.

MAKE AN IMPACT

Messiah is a church of compassion and outreach. We serve through mission, locally and internationally. For a complete list of opportunities visit MessiahChurch.org/make-an-impact.

Our September & October Second Mile Offering supports Massie's Mobile Mission, an organization that provides emergency aid to people experiencing homelessness in the Twin Cities. For more information, visit MassiesMobileMission.com. You can support Massie's Mobile Mission through the end of October with a monetary donation or by donating needed supplies. **Give** online at MessiahChurch.org/give (select "Second Mile Offering,") or by mailing a check (indicate "Massie's Mobile Mission" in the memo) to: Messiah Church, 17805 County Road 6, Plymouth, MN 55447. **Donate** these specific items: new or very gently used blankets

or sleeping bags; new pillows, new hoodies, and new hats & gloves. Donations will be collected through Sunday, October 25 and can be dropped off in the marked bin in the atrium at Messiah on Sundays or during church office hours (Monday-Thursday 9 am-4 pm).

The annual **scout holiday wreath sale** will be this morning and next Sunday, October 18. Messiah scouts from Troops 3570 and 5570 will be taking orders, pre-paid with your cash or check, before and after each service. Items will be available for pick-up at the church on Sunday, November 22.

Join us in the sanctuary on Sunday, October 18, at 4:30 pm for a **concert featuring Rev. Dr. Huntley Brown, a Jamaica-born, internationally acclaimed Christian concert pianist**, and The Jumpin' Jehosafats, a Minnesota-based ensemble known for their blend of jazz, Dixieland, gospel music, and hymn arrangements. Presented in association with The Organization for Strategic Development in Jamaica (OSDJ), this special concert is free and open to all. A freewill offering will be collected to support outreach ministries in Jamaica. For more information on OSDJ, visit www.osdj.org.

Help support the **ICA Food Shelf** by donating clean, empty, disposable, plastic water bottles with their caps. These bottles will be used to distribute laundry detergent,

dishwasher detergent, and dish soap to food shelf customers. Bottle donations will be collected through Sunday, October 18 and can be dropped off in the marked bin in the atrium at Messiah on Sundays or during church office hours (Monday-Thursday 9 am-4 pm). Please note: ICA can only use empty bottles that are 16 oz or smaller. For more information on ICA, visit icafoodshelf.org.

Imara International invites crafters of all abilities to a Create & Sip evening on Friday, October 30, from 5:30-8 pm at St. Martin's by the Lake Church (2801 Westwood Rd, Minnetonka Beach). Discover the Japanese art of Kinusaiga, a technique that creates images by tucking pieces of fabric into a pre-cut surface. Think of it as paint-by-number, but with fabric! No artistic skill or experience is needed; participants will receive all supplies and step-by-step instruction to create their own masterpiece. The cost is \$95 per crafter; appetizers and refreshments are included. Enjoy a creative evening while supporting Imara International's mission to provide education and life skills for Kenyan teenage mothers and early childhood education for their children. Register at tinyurl.com/ImaraKinusaiga by October 25. For more information about Imara International, visit ImaraInternational.org. New items in the bulletin this week.

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