

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30AM, October 11th, 2026

Asterisk (*) indicates standing, as able. Bold/colored type indicates text spoken in unison.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive

Beloved, God’s never-ending love spills out all around us, drawing us together in beloved community with God, neighbor, and all creation.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

God’s always-present grace surrounds us, enlivening us to love ourselves and our neighbors just as Christ loves us.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

God’s persistent peace sweeps through us, guarding our hearts and empowering us to live as agents of God’s mercy and justice wherever we go.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

May our rejoicing overflow into our families, neighborhoods, and the whole earth that through our living, working, resting, and playing, God may be glorified.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

*HYMN “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” UMH # 384

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles’ Creed UMH # 881

OPENING PRAYER Unison

God, we come into Your presence with praise and thanksgiving for Your faithful love. Your love never fails—not even when we turn away from You: when we ignore Your invitation, or desert You for gods of our own making. Even then, You do not abandon us, but reach out—again and again—inviting us back into relationship once more. As You welcome us, so You welcome our prayers. We bring them to You with confidence, knowing that You will hear and answer. Pour out Your Spirit on us! Fix our hearts and minds on what is true and honourable and right. Give us the joy and peace that comes from knowing and doing Your will. Keep

us faithful to the call we have received in Christ Jesus, our Lord, extending Your loving invitation to the world around us. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Responsive

When we have fashioned idols of our own desire or worshiped the temples of our own tradition,

Lord, have mercy.

Time for personal reflection and confession.

When we have denied your invitation to the banquet of love and justice, or failed to extend the invitation to others,

Christ, have mercy.

When we have neglected the need of another,

Lord, have mercy.

Time for personal reflection and confession.

When we have adorned ourselves with worry rather than joy or failed to be gentle, knowing you are near,

Lord, have mercy.

Time for personal reflection and confession.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Praise be to God, our sins are forgiven. God’s steadfast love endures forever. **Praise God!**

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING **Philippians 4:4-9 (NRSV)**

- 4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.
6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is

commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

9 As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

MESSAGE "Living a Life Worthy of God's Call" Rev. Dongkue Jee

RESPOND TO THE WORD

* HYMN "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" UMH # 348

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH # 895

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH # 95

*PRAYER OF OFFERING Unison

Steadfast Joy, when "always" feels larger than our capacity, you remain near. In gratitude, we bring these gifts, signs of love learned from you. Quiet our anxious hearts and turn our attention toward what is true, honorable, and worthy of praise. Shape us into a people whose generosity is gentleness made visible, whose offerings declare we are on the side of our neighbors. Receive what we place in your hands and let it become courage, welcome, and hope. Guard us with your peace as we press on in Christ. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN "O Jesus, I Have Promised" UMH #396

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* The offering plate is located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to participate.

* Fellowship follows the worship service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parlor.



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