

**21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2026**

We Celebrate God's Presence

Announcements/Prelude/Bringing in the Light of Christ

Song of Praise "He Is Exalted" #2070

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him. He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise his name! He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign; heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name. He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

***Call to Worship** Psalm 99:1-5

1. The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! The Lord sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

2. The Lord is great in Zion, and is exalted over all the peoples.

3. Let them praise your great and wondrous name!
Holy is the Lord!

4. Mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

5. Extol the Lord our God. Worship at the Lord's footstool!
Holy is the Lord!

***Hymn** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #400

***Opening Prayer**

Faithful God, you are here. Tuck us into the cleft of the rock; cover us with your hand when we are anxious, that we may be courageous to do your will, through Christ, who calls us by name. Amen.

Joys/Concerns

Prayer List

Bishop Malone, Rev. In Suk Peebles (CS), Pastor Chris & Family, **Jim Walther, Janet Hagerty, Diana Kirby, Lucille Snyder, Wayne Pinkerton**, Shoufeng Mei, (Guili Zhang, mother,) Tom Amberger, (Mary Kay's brother-in-law), Nancy Briggs, (Jim Walther sister), Madison UMC congregation, Michele and Gerry Werner, Judy and Victoria, Ron Boice, Moya Jones, Lisa Haessig, Christians in China, Chris Lowery, Bob & Sheila Smith, George Hillman, Tony Trossman, Joan Moore, Merl Allen, Craig Summers, Mark McIntosh, Sesly Marshall, Connie Summers, Mike Hultman, John Lewis

Teachers and Students, Our Children and Youth, Batesville Community, Safe Passage, People in the Armed Forces, People of Ukraine, Israel Palestine Conflict

Family, Church, Community, State, Nation

Long Term Care

Carol Pinkerton, (Waters), **Ted and Ginny Hartshorn**, Naomi Melia (St. Andrews), Nancy Dinnen

The Period of Prayer

The Prayer Hymn

Silent Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer

The 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn

“To God Be the Glory”

#98

vs. 1, 3

Scripture

Exodus 33:12-23

¹² Moses said to the Lord, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ ¹³ Now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your people.” ¹⁴ He said,

“My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” ¹⁵ And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here.” ¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

¹⁷ The Lord said to Moses, “I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” ¹⁸ Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” ¹⁹ And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord,’ and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰ But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and live.” ²¹ And the Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, ²² and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³ then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”

Children’s Time

Anthem

“Let Us Serve Him”

Invitation to the Offering

Jesus invites us to render to God the things that are God’s. Trusting in God’s infinite care, we gratefully present our offerings.

***Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

#95

Prayer of Dedication

We trust you, Lord God, to multiply the blessings these gifts represent, as we pour out your love and grace on those who long to hear your word to them, to see your power at work within them, to feel your comfort beside them, through the generous gifts of your Spirit. Amen.

Hymn

“Jesus Calls Us”

#398

vs. 1, 3, 5

We Hear the Word of God

Scripture

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Message

“Chosen”

Hymn

“Spirit Song”

#347

Benediction

Church Ministers Today

Flowers: Kathy Newell & Marc Emral

Liturgist: Marc Emral

Children’s Church: Stay in Sanctuary

Greeters/ Ushers: Kin Choi

& Sara Snyder

AV: Linda Straight

Jacob’s Well: Sesly Marshall

Next Week

Hoagy & Deb Wright

Sarah Fitzgerald

Sesly Marshall

Linda Straight

& Susie Rowland

Robbie Bruns

Deb & Mel Obermeyer

Last Sunday:

Offering: \$3,482.00

Attendance: 86

On-line: 71

YTD Total: \$195,890.00

Budget: \$213,873.00

BLESSING OF THE WEEK

May God tuck us securely into the cleft of the rock of our salvation, Jesus Christ. May we sense the inexpressible awe of God's glory passing over us.

And may we rest in the peace that passes all understanding, now and forevermore.

October Calendar

Bible Study – Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

TC4H Tai Chi Study – Tuesdays at 5:45 p.m.

Chrismons – Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Buds – Wednesday, October 21 at 5:30 p.m.

Sprouts – Wednesday, October 21 and October 28 at 5:30 p.m.

Administrative Council – Monday, October 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Free Meal – Holiday Planning, Wed., Oct. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Women's Ministry – Sunday, October 25 at 5:00 p.m.

Pitch-In Dinner – Sunday, October 25 after the 10:00 service

Passing out candy at the church – Sat., Oct. 31 6-8 p.m.