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Oct. 11th, 2026

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Pastor's Welcome

Announcement:

- **Adult Sunday School – Sundays at 9:30 a.m.** Join us as we read Scripture together and listen for what God is saying to us today. We explore the meaning of the Word, how it speaks into our lives, and how the Holy Spirit helps us understand and apply it. All are welcome.
- October 18th **Chef Brad's Brunch** after worship service.
- October 21st **Fellowship Breakfast** at the Dutch House 10 am. No reservations needed, all are welcome.
- **One Board Meeting** October 21st at 4:30

Opening Prayer:

Gracious God, As we gather this Sunday morning, still our hearts and open our minds to Your presence. Let Your Word speak with clarity, Your Spirit move with gentleness, and Your love shape all we offer in worship. Prepare us to receive Your grace and to walk in Your ways through the week ahead. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 1,2,3 # 89**

Call to Worship:

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

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

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

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

L: 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.

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

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

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

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory:

***Doxology #95**

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of steadfast presence, when the demands before us feel more than we can carry, You stay close. 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 that we stand with 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.

Hymn of Preparation: Trust and Obey. 1,2,3 #467

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 32:1-14

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

Gloria Patri #70

Message: "When We Forget Who We Belong To" Pastor Cyndi

***Closing Hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness #140**

***Benediction**

***Sending: "God Be with You"**

***Postlude**

**Indicates for the congregation to stand if you are able*

Gracious and Holy God, We gather in Your presence this morning because You are worthy of our praise. You are our Creator, our Sustainer, our Redeemer. You are faithful when we are uncertain, steady when we feel shaken, and merciful beyond anything we could ever deserve. We adore You for Your holiness, Your compassion, and the love that never lets us go.

Lord, we confess that this week we have not always walked in Your ways. We have hurried past Your voice. We have carried burdens You asked us to lay down. We have spoken words that did not reflect Your grace, and we have held back kindness that could have lifted someone's spirit. Forgive us. Cleanse our hearts. Renew our minds. And lead us again into the life that looks like Jesus — a life marked by humility, courage, and love.

We give You thanks for the gifts You have poured into our days: for strength when we felt weary, for comfort in moments of worry, for the beauty of creation that reminds us of Your creativity, and for the people who walk beside us in faith. Thank You for this church family, for the ministries that bless our community, and for the quiet ways Your Spirit keeps shaping us into a people of hope.

Lord, we lift up to You the family and friends of David Bryant. We know the pain of losing someone we love and the heavy heart that follows. Draw near to all who came to love David on this side of heaven. Hold them in Your loving arms, fill their minds with cherished memories as they walk through grief, and one day turn their sorrow into joy.

We lift up Tom as he prepares for an outpatient procedure. Go before him and his medical team. Fill him with Your peace, and grant Your wisdom to the team You have chosen to be Your hands. May this procedure relieve Tom's pain, and may he know that the relief comes from You. To You be all the glory.

We praise Your name for carrying Calvin through his surgery. Thank You for giving him strength to endure the long operation and for an outcome that seems nothing short of miraculous. Thank You for bringing him home. Grant him a swift recovery that reflects Your great work in and through him.

We lift up Jay as he prepares for surgery on Tuesday. We know You have walked with him through every day that led to this point. Continue to guide his medical team as they serve as Your hands of healing. May all who witness this journey You have placed Jay on see You in it. All for Your glory.

We join Karen in lifting up her sister Patty. You know her needs. Like the woman who bled for twelve years, Patty has lived with a condition her doctors cannot explain. You are the Great Physician, and just as with that woman, we know one touch from You can bring the healing she needs. Stretch out Your healing hand over Patty and restore her body, so that when others ask, "How can this be?" she can point to You.

We join Anne in praying for her sister Helen. You know her needs, and we trust that You are the One who will meet them. Give her doctors wisdom, and bring healing through their hands or through the whisper of Your voice.

We continue to lift up Cheryl, Inez's daughter-in-law. Let her feel Your healing touch, and let her medical team see it at work.

God of compassion and healing, we lift before You those who are hurting today — those who are ill, those recovering from surgery, those waiting for test results, those carrying emotional or spiritual burdens that feel heavy. Stretch out Your healing hand. Bring relief where there is pain, peace where there is anxiety, and courage where there is fear. Strengthen caregivers, guide doctors, and surround each person with Your presence.

We pray for our community, our nation, and our world. Where there is conflict, sow peace. Where there is injustice, raise up righteousness. Where there is loneliness, send compassion. And Lord, make us instruments of Your grace — willing to serve, willing to listen, willing to shine Your light wherever darkness tries to settle.

As we continue in worship, open our hearts to Your Word, open our ears to Your Spirit, and open our lives to Your leading. May everything we do this morning bring glory to Your name.

We pray in the strong and saving name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Hope. **Amen.**