

THE WORD SHARED: “Show Us” Pastor Cathy Nutting

OUR TIME OF GIVING

We Are the Body of Christ

FWS 2227

*DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*COMMISSION:

Leader: As we prepare to go from this place with our closing hymn/song, we remember Jesus’ words of trust that he gave his disciples and gives to us, encouraging us to believe that we can multiply love in this world manifold as we each give in the ways we can. Let us say this together:

People: “The truth of the matter is, anyone who has faith in me will do the works I do—and greater works besides.”

*CLOSING SONG:

When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise

FWS 2216

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Praise Band

Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments

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*Nurturing children, supporting families,
creating community as we share our faith.*



Adult Discussion Group 9:30 AM



Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors

Worship 10:45 AM

WELCOME TO CASUAL WORSHIP

October 18, 2026  Love One Another Worship Series

Assistive listening devices are available from ushers.

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND CANDLE LIGHTING:

Our God Saves on screen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE INVITATION

*RESPONSE *Let There Be Peace on Earth* - 1st page Hymnal 431

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Please remain standing as you are able)*

There is so much to fix about this world,
We wonder what we have to give that would make any difference.
Like Jesus’ disciples, sometimes we are not sure what to do.
It feels like a daunting task.
But Jesus reminds us that just sitting down to have a meal is one way to be God’s love.
We are called to give in the ways we can, treating each other...
as neighbors,
as neighbors,
Not “others.”
Not “others.”

*MORNING PRAYER: (unison)

P. Forgive us when we doubt our ability to give of ourselves for the sake of love.
Help us to embrace that Jesus has shown us all we need to know and God’s
love is already in us as we are in God’s love. Even though it feels like a
difficult thing to do, help us to give—not hoard, help us to serve—not judge,
help us to reach out—not pull back, help us to risk reciprocal relationship
so all will know the gift of God’s presence.

L.: In this moment we ponder those we find difficult to extend ourselves toward,
that we consider “others”...
(a few moments of pause)
L.: ... and in this moment we imagine them as neighbors who,
like us, have needs and fears and the desire for safety, sustenance, and love.
(a few moments of pause)
P. Jesus, in your name we ask for the courage to let go of fear
in order to love fully and extravagantly. Amen.

*RESPONSE *Let There Be Peace on Earth* - 2nd page Hymnal # 431

*PASSING THE PEACE
Leader: We can give peace to one another through our generous actions and our
gracious spirits. In worship we extend that peace to one another as a way to
practice extending ourselves to each other. The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Please greet your neighbors with a sign of Christ’s peace.

(Please be seated.)
CHILDREN’S TIME *Jesus Loves Me*

PRAYER HYMN: *Bind Us Together* FWS # 2226

OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER
(on screen)

*GOSPEL READING: John 14:8-14 MSG

L: The Living Word of God for the people of God.
P: Thanks be to God!

*Indicates stand, as you are able. **Bold** indicates all join in. FWS indicates *The Faith We Sing* book.