SPECIAL MUSIC: ***Come and Dine*** Chancel Choir

*GOSPEL READING: John 16: 1; 12-13a; 20-22 IBT

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

MESSAGE:
"From Grieving to Rejoicing" Pastor Cathy Nutting

OUR TIME OF GIVING

*DOXOLOGY Hymnal 95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO THE TABLE OF CHRIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*COMMISSION:
L: As we prepare to go from this place with our closing hymn, we affirm and believe the words of Jesus to his disciples when they were feeling grieved and afraid. Let us say this together:
P: "You are now grieving; but I will see you again and then you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy."

*CLOSING HYMN:
Near to the Heart of God Hynmal 472

BLESSING

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated for a moment of reflection.)*

*Denotes Standing as you are able.

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All the Church Members

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Pianist:
Heidi Freidhof

Usher/Greeters: open

Communion:
open

Acolyte: open

Liturgist: open

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Sunday November 1, 2026

Adult Discussion Group 9:30 AM

Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors

Worship 10:45 AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

November 1, 2026 - "From Grieving to Rejoicing" - Love One Another Worship Series

Assistive listening devices are available from ushers.

PRELUDE

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES:
How Can We Name a Love Hymnal 111

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE INVITATION Pastor Cathy Nutting

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

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

We come to the table today to remember the cloud of witnesses.
We are grateful that their lives are part of the fabric of Love Itself.
We bring both joy and grief, just as the disciples felt at the thought of losing Jesus.
All of our feelings are held in the love of God.
One thing is true: no matter how different we may seem,
we all grieve those we have loved that are no longer with us.
Help us to live in the compassionate truth that in this we are truly…
Neighbors,
neighbors.
Not "others."
Not "others."

*MORNING PRAYER:
**P. Forgive us when we forget that we all mourn and grieve.
Help us to embrace that loving one another is the way to healing
and transformation.**

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

**P. Even though it feels like a difficult thing to do,
help us to listen–not cut off, help us to serve–not judge,
help us to reach out–not pull back, help us to risk reciprocal relationship
so that together we are soothed in our common struggle of life and death.**
L. In this moment we ponder those we find difficult to imagine as friends,
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 pray for all who mourn, and know that already your
love is healing the wounds of grief, making way for joy. Amen.**

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

*PASSING THE PEACE:
L: When we gather at the table, we believe that all who have passed
before us are present in a special way, as a cloud of witnesses to our lives.
Let this be a peace for us and let us share that peace today with each other.
The peace of Christ be with you.
P: And also with you.
L. Please greet your neighbors with a sign of Christ's peace.

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

CONSECRATION SUNDAY MOMENT Val Schweiger

HYMN OF PREPARATION ***I Need Thee Every Hour*** vs. 1,4 Hymnal 397

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER:
(on screen)