

Sunday Worship October 18, 2026

Prelude

Welcome

Responsive Call to Worship:

Family of God, who are you?

We are disciples formed in the image of Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Family of God, how does Jesus form you?

By loving us and showing us how to love.

Family of God, how does the Holy Spirit empower you?

By loving us and inspiring us to love others as Christ loves us.

Family of God, on this journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!

We come to worship God, who shows us how to love and calls us to boldly love God and neighbor, that we may be disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world. Amen.

--Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, January 2026.

Opening Prayer:

Almighty, all-merciful God, through Christ Jesus, you have taught us to love one another, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and even to love our enemies. As we gather for worship and as we are sent from this place, let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. Help us to encounter each person in light of the love and grace you have shown us in Christ. Establish among us a future where peace reigns, justice is done with mercy, and all are reconciled. We ask these things in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

--Adapted from a collection of Prayers for Times of National and International Crisis and Tragedy, posted on the PCUSA website, <http://www.pcusa.org>. Reposted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/07/prayer-in-times-of-violenceand-fear.html>.

Opening Hymn: *Love Divine All Loves Excelling*

UMH #384

Passing of the Peace

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

UMH #402

Scripture: Matthew 22:37-39 NRSVue

(reader) *The Word of the Lord!*

(All) Thanks be to God!

Message: *Embracing an Adverbial Faith: Love Boldly*

(Bishop's message on Love Boldly)

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Hymn of Response: *Help Us Accept Each Other*

UMH #560

Invitation to Offering

Offertory:

Doxology – Hymn 94

Offertory Prayer

Opportunities Coming Soon! *(Announcements)*

Blessing *(Benediction)*

Closing Hymn: *Go Forth for God*

UMH #670

***Please join us for coffee fellowship
after the service.***

Our Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Kim Poer
Office Administrator: Nancy Volgamore
Music Director: Matthew Compton
Accompanist: Josh Billings
Family Ministries: Tiffiney Nordby
Preschool Director: Angela Parrish
Preschool Teacher: Lynetta Anthony
Youth Ministries: Lacey Kelley

TODAY'S SERVANTS:

Guest Pianist: Cathy Bronson
Lector: Darcy Davis
Greeters: Jim & Betty Selby
Ushers: E-Lois Gebhart & Ann Wear
A/V Booth: Kay Cooke & Steve Enyeart
Information Desk: Sandy Bippes
Coffee Hosts: Phyllis Browning and Mike & Sharleen Rainville

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Embracing an Adverbial Faith



Week 3: Love Boldly

We are a welcoming United Methodist Church congregation that worships together as disciples of Jesus Christ, uniting in fellowship, missions and service.