

ROOTED and REACHING



I pray that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith,
as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

Ephesians 3:17

Dedication Sunday
October 26, 2025



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Whether you are worshiping in the sanctuary or online, at any time in the course of the service, you are invited to light a candle signifying a concern, a desire for healing, a confession, or a prayer of thanksgiving that, though private, you would like to remember in the midst of our worship.

*Please speak aloud the bold portions of the liturgy in the bulletin.
The asterisk * is an invitation for worshipers to rise in body or spirit as able.*

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Sweet Hour"

Gordon Young

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WELCOME

Mamie Broadhurst

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

INTROIT

In Christ There is a New Creation

Words by David Gambrell

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*Through troubled times together we have traveled,
Yet every step has led us to this place.
Now in Christ's name we share a sacred calling:
The work of peace, the ministry of grace.*

*Lift up your hearts and join the celebration!
In Christ our Lord the promises are true.
Sing praise to God, who made the earth and heavens,
And even now in Christ is making all things new.*

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Pre-K-5th Graders

Lighting the Candle

Word for Worship

*HYMN No. 408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**God of silence,
we come to this holy place to find a moment of peace.
There are times that we try our hardest,
but even small successes seem to fall apart.
Nothing feels like enough.
That's when we want to withdraw, pull back, hide out, until it's all over.
We confess that, at times, we're on the edge of giving up.
Everything feels too big, and we are tired.
Forgive us for taking everything on our own shoulders.
Forgive us for thinking we have to handle it all by ourselves.
Forgive us when we try to play your part instead of our own.**

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

**God, pierce our arrogance with your power,
relieve our exhaustion and fear with your grace,
nourish our calling with your faithfulness.
In the quiet, re-set our spirits, and remind us of your purpose,
then draw us out to follow.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

Whatever situation you have found yourself in, whatever fear you have carried, in the silence God comes to you, for you, with love.
God always invites us to begin again. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Hymn 33, v 2

**Earth to heaven exalt the strain, Alleluia!
Send it, heaven, to earth again, Alleluia!
Age to age, God's mercies trace, Alleluia!
Praise God's providence and grace, Alleluia!**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS
1 Kings 19:1-18

SERMON

Mamie Broadhurst

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

*HYMN No. 824

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

Erin Tolar

**Our Mother and Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING of GIFTS

*Reflect on your response to the work of Christ in the world today, and
consider making a commitment of time, talents, and resources. If you choose
to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time, online giving
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INVITATION

ANTHEM

The Kingdom of God

Arr. Austin Lovelace

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*The kingdom of God is justice and joy
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
And here and hereafter the Kingdom shall grow.*

*The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
The lepers are cleansed the sinners find place,
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,
And hope is awakened in place of despair.*

*The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to His cross,
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.*

*God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer His call,
And all things cry glory to God all in all.*

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Old Hundredth

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

**Loving God,
You do not fail to offer us your blessing.
With thanks we return these gifts to you
knowing that you will find good use
for our offerings of time, talent, and treasure.
When we despair, may we remember
that you have given us to be a blessing to others -
both in this church family, and in the community beyond.
Amen.**

***HYMN No. 700**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

**God is...
everywhere!**

POSTLUDE

***I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go*
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