



22nd Sunday after Pentecost
November 9, 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 *All Glory Laud and Honor*
Mary McDonald
Lorenz Corporation, 2013

WELCOME *Mamie Broadhurst*

MINUTE FOR MISSION *New Orleans YAVs*

INTROIT *Touch the Earth Lightly*
Shirley Murray and Colin Gibson
Hope Publishing Company, 1992

*Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
Nourish the life of the world in our care:
Gift of great wonder ours to surrender,
Trust for the children tomorrow will bear.*

*We who endanger, who create hunger,
Agents of earth for all creatures that live,
We who would foster clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!*

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)* *Pre-K-5th Graders*
Lighting the Candle
Word for Worship

CALL TO CONFESSION *Christine Kooi*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Too often, we ignore the gifts you have given us. We reject your justice, mock your mercy, jeer your patience, slight your power, and show contempt for your love. When given the opportunity to act justly, we prioritize efficiency. We offer what is convenient instead of what you ask of us. Even our confessions of sin can become flippant or insincere. Forgive the betrayals of our heads and our hearts.

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

God who loves us, strengthen our resolve to follow you faithfully. Help us to own up to the wrongs we have done; to admit the impact of our mistakes; and to ask for your forgiveness with sincerity and humility. Awaken our hearts to seek your guidance and love once again. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

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!**

BAPTISM

*Today Ryan and Lea O'Donnell bring their children,
Michael and Milly, for the sacrament of baptism.*

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Michael and Milly by word and deed, with love and prayer? **We do.**

Will you encourage her to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of the church? **We will.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM OF MICHAEL AND MILLY

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

HYMN (*see p. 6*)

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

SERMON

Erin Tolar

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

*HYMN No. 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

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

**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.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

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 is available. See the announcements for more information.

INVITATION

ANTHEM

We Shall Overcome

arr William Farle Smith

The United Methodist Publishing House, 1989

*We shall overcome someday.
We'll walk hand in hand someday.
We are not fraud today.*

*O, deep in my heart I do believe
we shall overcome someday!*

*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*)

**In response to your call, O God,
we bring what we have.
In response to your leading, O God,
we go where you take us.
In response to your love, O God,
we live to follow you.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*HYMN No.766

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

God is...
everywhere!

POSTLUDE

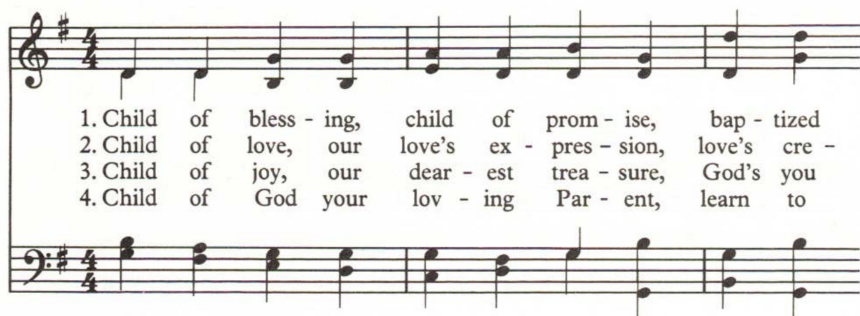
I Am A Child of God

Michael Howe

Jackman Music, 1996

*Many thanks to the Ignace Agbadan and Leslie Green
who helped to live-stream the service today.*

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise



1. Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized
 2. Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, love's cre -
 3. Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you
 4. Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to



with the Spir - it's sign; with this wa - ter
 a - tion, loved in - deed! Fresh from God, re -
 are, from God you came. Back to God we
 know whose child you are. Grow to laugh and



God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
 fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
 hum - bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.
 sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

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MUSIC: Attr. to C. F. Witt, 1715; adapt. by Henry J. Gauntlett, 1861

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- proclaiming the good news in word and deed,
- taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation,
- lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support,
- studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life,
- supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents,
- demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church,
- responding to God's activity in the world through service to others,
- living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life,
- working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment, caring for God's creation,
- participating in the governing responsibilities of the church, and
- reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one's membership, and considering ways in which one's participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful.

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