

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OCTOBER 18, 2026

Prelude "Simple Gifts" Emily Mathys

Welcome Rev. Scott Nowack

Please sign and pass the black pew pad.

Gathering "Spirit of the Living God" Senior Choir

*Call to Worship

Leader: A word spoken, a voice heard,

People: A dream revealed, a mission received.

Leader: God calls, again and again.

People: God beckons us to follow.

Leader: To love, to serve,

People: To give, again and again.

Leader: God invites us to embrace the lonely,

People: To feed the hungry, to tell the Good News of Jesus,

To love and serve, and to sing praises all our days.

*Hymn of Praise "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Hymn #460

Call to Confession Kathi Kinney

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, like the disciples we are short-sighted and small-minded. We focus on problems and needs and on what seem like logical or "possible" solutions. We rely on our own strengths and resources and are quickly overwhelmed. We forget to turn to you, and we fail to depend on your Spirit. Forgive us, Lord. Remind us yet again that your ways are not ours, and that, with you, all things are possible. Renew us in faith and commitment that we might trust you in every situation.

Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Response of Praise "Glory Be to The Father"

Hymn #581

*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also, with you.

Children's Focus Rev. Scott Nowack

Anthem "Amazing Grace! Eternal Life!" Senior Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon . . "Sharing the Light: When There Isn't Enough to Go Around" . . Rev. Scott Nowack

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Affirmation of Faith "Heidelberg Catechism" On Screen

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Service Prayer Kathi Kinney

Announcements

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymn #609

*Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, as a little boy offered five loaves and two fish to feed a multitude, we offer our gifts. With your grace, may our gifts be transformed into food: water and bread, justice and peace. We offer our gifts this day, so that the world may come to rejoice fully in your sacred love, which is given and shared with all humankind. In the name of the generous One. Amen.

*Closing Hymn "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" (vs 1-4)

Hymn #343

*Benediction Rev. Scott Nowack

Choral Benediction "Spirit of the Living God" Senior Choir

Postlude "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Emily Mathys

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HOME BOUND: Larry & Helen Fox, Virginia McMannis, Wilma Miller.

IN A CARE FACILITY: Evelyn Rutherford at Heritage; Vivian Lowe at Bluebird, Tom Hurd at The Gables.