

OUR MISSION

- We are a loving and compassionate church family that respects the dignity and integrity of each individual.
- We find our joy and meaning through faith in God and Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.
- We seek to promote Christian unity and to encourage understanding and cooperation with those from different traditions.
- We seek to foster deeper relationships with God and each other through worship, fellowship, growth and service.

WE ARE AFFILIATED WITH

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA ~ THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA



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**TWENTY-FIRST
SUNDAY
AFTER
PENTECOST
OCTOBER 18, 2026**

MEDITATION

The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new.

— Socrates

We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty.

— Maya Angelou

We are all hypocrites in transition. I am not who I want to be, but I am on the journey there, and thankfully, I am not whom I used to be.

— Erwin McManus

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Melinda Veatch

PRELUDE

Instrumental

Katy Kristoffersen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Carol Layton

Leader: Come to the Lord, all you people!

People: We come, seeking God's healing love.

Leader: Make your hearts ready to discover God's power in your lives.

People: We open our hearts and spirits to receive God's loving gifts.

Leader: Trust in the God who is always with us.

People: Let us worship the Creator who gives us life and orders our lives with love.

OPENING PRAYER

Carol Layton

WELCOMING SONG*

Rain Down

(Jaime Cortez)

Congregation

HYMN NO. 444

Verses 1 and 3

SCRIPTURE READING	Romans 7:15-25a	Mick Graff	SCRIPTURE READING		Matthew 11:25-30	Pastor Melinda Veatch
			At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.			
			“All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.			
			“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”			
			Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord			
			People: Thanks be to God.			
			SERMON		Over and Over and Over Again	Pastor Melinda Veatch
			RESPONSIVE SONG		As Water to the Thirsty <i>(Timothy Dudley-Smith, words; T. Brian Coleman, music)</i>	Congregation
			HYMN NO. 432		All Verses	
			RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS			
			<i>Thank you for your continued support of the church and our mission.</i>			
			PRAYER OF DEDICATION			
			DOXOLOGY*		<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.</i>	
			PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Carol Layton and Pastor Melinda Veatch	
			The 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 sin, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.	
			CLOSING SONG*		Open My Eyes, That I May See <i>(Clara H. Scott)</i>	Congregation
			HYMN NO. 480		All Verses	
			CLOSING PRAYER			Carol Layton
			POSTLUDE		Instrumental	Katy Kristoffersen
			CHARGE AND BLESSING			Pastor Melinda Veatch