

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Jackie Farmer, Worship Leader

PRELUDE *The Gift of Love* THE GIFT OF LOVE

*UNITY HYMN (**stand as we are able*) AURELIA

In Unity, we gather to worship and rejoice.

From our own faith traditions, we pray with one strong voice:

**Lord, help us love each other and serve all those in need,
and live as your disciples – in heart and word and deed.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

When we feel tested by hard decisions, calls to advocate against injustice,
competing narratives, and worrying misinformation, we remember:

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When we struggle with damaged trust and the need to repair our relationships
with God and one another, when we are called to go against the social current
to build communities of mercy and justice, we remember:

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Come, let us worship God whose grace surrounds us when we feel tested
and tried, empowering us to remain faithful disciples of Jesus Christ
when we face chaos, division, injustice, and hardship.

**We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us
to live as the Body of Christ in a broken and hurting world. Amen.**

*HYMN – No. 117 UMH *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

*PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Happy are we, O God, when our hearts are full,

Our ways are yours, our spirits enlivened by your call.

Happy are we, O God, when our lives are guided by delight.

We gather here today for just that, holy God.

We gather to draw on all you would give us to be more fully yours.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN – No. 70 UMH *Gloria Patri* GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

(Let us offer each other signs of peace and reconciliation.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Alan Peters, Reader

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN – No. 402 UMH *Lord I Want to be a Christian* I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

*SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 23:34-46 Pastor Stanley Larson

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we are saved. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER – No. 894 UMH

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are all Yours
now and forever. Amen**

OFFERTORY

Loving God, you call us not only to believe the gospel, but to live it. You test our hearts not with trials meant to break us, but through the daily invitation to serve, to love, and to share our lives with one another. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our willingness to embody the good news of Christ. Use what we offer to nurture communities of compassion, where faith is lived gently, courageously, and with humility. May our witness – like Paul’s – be rooted not in pride or gain, but in love that gives freely for others. **Amen**

(Please place tithes and offerings in one of the designated offering plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.)

*THE DOXOLOGY – No. 95 UMH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

THANKSGIVING

*HYMN – No. 430 UMH

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Solemn Melody based on the theme “Ite Missa Est” PHILIP KRECKEL

THE LORD’S DAY

The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2026

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn us back to dust and say, “Turn back, you mortals.” For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night. You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. Psalm 90:1-6



St. Andrew

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we are made one with God*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome friends! May the welcome you feel here be worthy of the gracious God that we serve. In this service, an asterisk (*) invites you to stand as health allows. Material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say. Let us worship God!

The **Wednesday Night Live** menu on October 28th features **Garlic Roasted Chicken**, a side salad, dessert, and a beverage. Adults pay \$10, with reduced prices for children. Please RSVP by 11:30 p.m. Monday on the website, sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex on Sunday, email the office, or call the office by 4:00 p.m. on Monday. If you sign up and decide not to come, find out you have other plans, or aren't feeling well, please call the office ASAP.

The Prayer Room is ready! The Prayer Room is in room #100, formerly the Youth Room. The Methodist members have graciously brought an historic altar, paraments, and other items for this special Prayer Room. We would like to add a 9 x12 area rug. If you have one you could donate, please contact Jenna Hargrave at 903.738.3386 or email: jenasuu@gmail.com.

Election info: Is your voter registration up-to-date? You can check your registration, etc. at <https://www.texas.gov/living-in-texas/texas-voter-registration/>. **Early in-person voting runs 19-30 October at select sites in each county, and Election Day is Tuesday 11/3. St. Andrew is an Election Day polling place, but not an early voting site.**

Sunday, November 1 – All Saints Day, Daylight Saving Time Ends (Fall back), and Beginning of Stewardship Season