



**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 26, 2025**

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome

Stewardship Moment

Kristi Padley

Prelude

Jesus Is Lord

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The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.

Call to Worship

Patti Barnes

May every family in heaven and on earth
gather in name and spirit.

**May God pour out courage and compassion
on our congregation through the Spirit.**

May our minds be open, that Christ may dwell within.

May our hearts receive the fullness of our faith.

**From generation to generation,
God's grace is abundant! Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Patti Barnes

Holy Spirit, meet us here.

Find our spirits open and our hearts receptive
to your word for us this day.

With our songs and prayers,
our witness and reflection,
may we faithfully go where you call us to be.
In the name of our brother, Christ, we pray. Amen.

Hymn

Morning Has Broken

UMH 145

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Passing the Peace of Christ

Patti Barnes

Whether we come to worship with regrets and sadness or with joy and thanksgiving, passing the peace of Christ heals the broken places in our lives and seals our bonds of fellowship. Let us take time to share this gift of peace with one another, both in this worship space and in our hearts.

Children's Message

Pastor Larry

Ministry of Music

Let Us Praise the Lord!

Price/Besig

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Understanding

All Praying

Providing God, by your Holy Spirit feed us your Word, that we might be filled with the bread of life. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 16:1-16

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian slave named Hagar; ² so she said to Abram, "The Lord has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her."

Abram agreed to what Sarai said. ³ So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian slave Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife. ⁴ He slept with Hagar, and she conceived.

When she knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress. ⁵ Then Sarai said to Abram, "You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering. I put my slave in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the Lord judge between you and me."

⁶ "Your slave is in your hands," Abram said. "Do with her whatever you think best." Then Sarai mistreated Hagar; so she fled from her.

⁷ The angel of the Lord found Hagar near a spring in the desert; it was the spring that is beside the road to Shur. ⁸ And he said, "Hagar, slave of Sarai, where have you come from, and where are you going?"

"I'm running away from my mistress Sarai," she answered.

⁹ Then the angel of the Lord told her, "Go back to your mistress and submit to her." ¹⁰ The angel added, "I will increase your descendants so much that they will be too numerous to count."

¹¹ The angel of the Lord also said to her:

"You are now pregnant

and you will give birth to a son.

You shall name him Ishmael,

for the Lord has heard of your misery.

¹² He will be a wild donkey of a man;

his hand will be against everyone

and everyone's hand against him,

and he will live in hostility

toward all his brothers."

¹³ She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me." ¹⁴ That is why the well was called Beer Lahai Roi^[d]; it is still there, between Kadesh and Bered.

¹⁵ So Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram gave the name Ishmael to the son she had borne. ¹⁶ Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore him Ishmael.

Response to the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn

Through It All

UMH 507

Sermon

Rev. Heather Wray

The Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;*

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.

Morning Prayer

Pastor Larry

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Patti Barnes

God's grace is abundant. Wherever we wander, God remains our God. The profoundness of God's love stands in contrast to the harsh judgment of our world. In response to this unfailing love, let us bring our time, talents, and treasures to serve the ministries to which we are called.

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Faith Everlasting

Warriner

**Doxology*

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer of Dedication*

Patti Barnes

**Merciful Lord, there is nowhere we can go—
in the heavens above,
or the earth and ocean below—**

to escape your loving care.
Receive today the offering we make
and bless our gifts,
that they may be a blessing.
May this offering reflect our sincerest hope
that all may be filled with your fullness.
In the name of the one who calls us, we pray. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*Hymn

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

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*Benediction

Pastor Larry

*Choral Benediction

As We Go

*As we go, may your Spirit go before us.
As we go, may we follow where you lead.
May we live what we have learned,
share the message we have heard,
and be a light unto the world as we go.*

Postlude

Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus

Webb

MORNING HAS BROKEN

*Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
Fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Spring in completeness
Where his feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation
Of the new day!*

THROUGH IT ALL

*Through it all, through it all,
I've learned to trust in Jesus,
I've learned to trust in God;
Through it all, through it all,
I've learned to depend upon God's word.*

*Through it all, through it all,
I've learned to trust in Jesus,
I've learned to trust in God;
Through it all, through it all,
I've learned to depend upon God's word.*

JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE

*I am weak, but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee.*

Refrain:

***Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee:
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.***

*2 Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but thee. [Refrain]*

*3 When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. [Refrain]*