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## MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026

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(* Indicates when people are invited to stand)

PRELUDE:

“How Can I Keep From Singing?”

Arr Lani Smith

WORDS OF WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice in God always!

Rejoice in God’s steadfast love.

Rejoice in Christ’s enduring grace.

Rejoice in God’s saving Word.

Rejoice in the Spirit’s gentle guidance.

Rejoice in God’s healing presence.

Again, I say, rejoice!

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, we come into your house with praise on our lips and songs of joy in our hearts. We come to stand firm in our conviction: that good is stronger than evil, that love is stronger than hate, that truth will ultimately win the day. We come to be grounded in Christ.

Amen.

*HYMN: 160

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

vs 1-3, 5

PRAYER OF YEARNING

Holy Presence, following you is seldom easy. When worry and doubt cloud our vision bless us with your peace. When work and social obligations rob our strength, grant us rest. We yearn to focus our hearts and minds on things that are excellent, admirable, and worthy of praise. Shine the light of your love in our lives, that we may bring your light to the world. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, is ours through Christ Jesus. In Christ, we rest secure.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

When we keep our hearts and minds focused on things that are excellent and admirable, God blesses us with a peace that passes all understanding. Let us share signs of this peace with one another.

OLD TESTAMENT: Exodus 32:1-14 (NIV)

When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, “Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.”

Aaron answered them, “Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, “These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.”

When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, “Tomorrow there will be a festival to the Lord.” So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, ‘These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.’

“I have seen these people,” the Lord said to Moses, “and they are a stiff-necked people. Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.”

But Moses sought the favor of the Lord his God. “Lord,” he said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.’” Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

This is the Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 106:1-6, 19-23 (NIV)

Praise the Lord.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare his praise?

Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right.

Remember me, Lord, when you show favor to your people, come to my aid when you save them,
**that I may enjoy the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may share in the joy
of your nation and join your inheritance in giving praise.**

We have sinned, even as our ancestors did; we have done wrong and acted wickedly. At Horeb they made a calf and worshiped an idol cast from metal.

They exchanged their glorious God for an image of a bull, which eats grass.

They forgot the God who saved them, who had done great things in Egypt,

miracles in the land of Ham and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.

So he said he would destroy them—had not Moses, his chosen one,

stood in the breach before him to keep his wrath from destroying them.

EPISTLE: Acts 8:14-25 (NIV)

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that he may forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin."

Then Simon answered, "Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me."

After they had further proclaimed the word of the Lord and testified about Jesus, Peter and John returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many Samaritan villages.

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***GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14 (NIV)**

The gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

"Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.'

"But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.

“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

“For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON GOD’S WORD

Pastor Rob Odum

HYMN: 3148

“There’s a Spirit of Love in This Place”

vs 1-2

OFFERING PRAYER

God of steadfast love, your blessings overwhelm us. For the abundant gifts in our lives, we thank you. For the peace that passes all understanding, we praise you. For keeping our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, we honor you. Receive the gifts we bring you this day, and help us stay focused on things that are excellent and admirable, holy and just, righteous and pure.

Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

By James K. Manley

***DOXOLOGY: 94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***AFFIRMATION FROM 1 TIMOTHY 2:5-6, 1:15, 3:16**

There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 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

***CLOSING HYMN: 396**

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

vs 1-4

*BENEDICTION

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, from this day forward and forevermore.

Amen.

*POSTLUDE:

"Forever"

Arr Smith and McDonald

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This Week's Birthday: Oct. 16th: Kathie Vanden Berg



October	Liturgists	Ushers
11th	Lynn Sirna	Cyndi Eickstaedt & Philip Gruntzel
18th	John Hurley	Cyndi Eickstaedt & Philip Gruntzel
25th	Connie Ziegler	Cyndi Eickstaedt & Philip Gruntzel

TODAY IS PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

TO OUR PASTOR

In infinite wisdom
the Lord surely knew
that we need a Pastor
as Faithful as you.
A love of God's Word
& a Heart for His Flock,
you give of yourself
& you Stand on the Rock.

We Appreciate YOU

Dancing Joy

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 1st

If you wish for your loved one that has passed to be included in the All Saints' Sunday Memorial please sign their name on the sign up sheet in the narthex **by October 25th!!**



Remembering Our Loved Ones

On November 1st, we will come together to celebrate All Saints' Day. This special occasion allows us to honor and remember those who have gone before us. We will offer thanks for our loved one's lives and the impact they have had on our own. Let us take this opportunity to reflect on the saints in our lives, both those who have passed and those who continue to inspire us.

THIS WEEK EVENTS IN OUR AREA

9/12 -10/25 - Autumn Harvest Fest at The Elegant Farmer	The Elegant Farmer, 1545 Main St., Mukwonago
10/17 - Fall Harvest Arts and Crafts Fair	Ronald Reagan Elementary School, 4225 S. Calhoun Road, New Berlin
10/17 - Fall Fest at Bluemel's Garden & Landscape Center	4930 W. Loomis Road, Greenfield
10/17 - Flannel Fest & Chili Cookoff on the Farm	Holy Hill Art Farm, 4958 Holy Hill Road, Hubertus

Upcoming fellowship events & Sunday Coffee Hours with Refreshments

- ❖ **Sunday, September 27th** – MUMC Open House-Fall Fellowship BBQ
(sponsored by the CHAOS/Mary & Linda)
- ❖ **Sunday, October 4th** – **Volunteer needed**
- ❖ **Sunday, October 11th** – Pasty Day! (sponsored by the Brumm's)
- ❖ **Sunday, October 18th** – **Volunteer needed**
- ❖ **Saturday, October 24th** – Oktoberfest Pork Dinner
(a social dinner fundraiser for MUMC)
- ❖ **Sunday, October 25th** – **Possibly leftovers from Oktoberfest**
- ❖ **Friday-Sunday, November 13th-15th** – Yarn Extravaganza 2
- ❖ **Sunday, November 22nd** – The Blessing of the Quilts
- ❖ **Blood Drive December 8th** - from 1-6pm



MONTHLY SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Sunday, 9:15am
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday, 10:30am
CERAMICS: Mondays, 1-9pm
AIKIDO: Mondays from 6:45-8:45pm &
 Thursdays from 6:45-8:45pm
NAMI: 1st Wednesday of the month 6:30pm
CHANCEL CHOIR: Thursdays from 6:30-7:15pm
JOYFUL BELLS: Thursdays from 7:30-8:30pm
KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP:
 2nd & 4th Wednesday from 1-3pm
SASSY SOWERS:
 1st Tuesday & 3rd Thursday, 9:30am-Noon
DINING OUT GROUP: Wednesday, October 7th
 at 5pm at: Open Flame Restaurant,
 5081 S 108th St, Greenfield, WI 53228
WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: The 3rd Tuesday (Oct. 20th),
 at 9am at the Forum Restaurant,
 4711 S 108th St, Milwaukee, WI 53228
MEN'S BREAKFAST: 3rd Thursday (Oct. 15th),
 8:30am at Open Flame Restaurant,
 5081 S 108th St, Greenfield, WI 53228
SCRIPT CARD PROGRAM:
 Orders for Script Cards (gift cards) are due on the 3rd
 Sunday of each month.
OKTOBERFEST PORK DINNER:
 Saturday, October 24th (fundraiser for MUMC)
YARN EXTRAVAGANZA 2:
 Friday-Sunday, November 13, 14 & 15 from 9am to 3pm
QUILT BLESSING: Sunday, November 22nd
DECORATING THE CHURCH:
 Saturday, November 28th
BLOOD DRIVE: Tuesday, December 8th from 1-6pm



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