



MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026

(* Indicates when people are invited to stand)

PRELUDE:

"Bread of the World"

By John Hodges

WORDS OF WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The heavens proclaim the glory of God!

We too proclaim what God has done in our lives.

Voices of praise shout to the ends of the earth.

May we join the chorus, as we sing of God's great and abiding love!

OPENING PRAYER

Creating God, like the earth around us, we gather to proclaim your glory. We pray that you will revive our souls today. We pray that you will help us become a little bit wiser. We pray that our hearts will rejoice at the sound of your name. We pray that our eyes will be opened to your ways. We pray that we might live in peace and harmony with one another. And we pray that today, and every day, we will again choose to follow in the ways of Christ, so that our lives may become an example of your love and grace to the world. In the name of Christ, we pray.

Amen.

***HYMN: 77**

"How Great Thou Art"

vs 1-4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, from the very beginning, you have watched over your people and given them ways to live in harmony with one another. But too often we have forgotten your ways. Forgive us for mocking your holy name. Forgive us for harming others and ourselves. Forgive us for stealing ideas and property from others. Forgive us for being jealous. Forgive us for neglecting to rest our bodies, minds and spirits. Forgive us for turning away from you. Holy One, grant us your mercy, and help us live again in your ways of love and grace. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Brother and sisters and siblings in Christ, God will wipe away all our faults. Know that the grace and mercy of God are never far from us, and that God desires that we live in righteousness. In the name of the risen Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Friends, there is no place on earth where God's glory is not proclaimed. Knowing this, let us joyfully turn to one another and proclaim the peace of Christ.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OLD TESTAMENT: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 (NIV)

And God spoke all these words:

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

"You shall have no other gods before me.

"You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

"You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

"You shall not murder.

"You shall not commit adultery.

"You shall not steal.

"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance and said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die."

Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning."

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 19 (NIV)

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;

they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me.

Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression. May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

EPISTLE: Acts 4:5-12 (NIV)

The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is

“the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.”

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

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***GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46 (NIV)**

The gospel according to Matthew.

“Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

“The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

“But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let's kill him

and take his inheritance.’ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

“Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

“He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

“Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them. They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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REFLECTIONS ON GOD’S WORD

Pastor Rob Odum

HYMN: 398

“Jesus Calls Us”

vs 1-4

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy One, creator of all, we give you thanks for all you have entrusted to us. As good stewards, we now bring you these gifts and ask that you use them to help your children around the world. As we bring our gifts, we also offer our lives, praying that you will use us to bear good fruit for all people.

Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

“Grace Alone”

By Brown and Nelson

***DOXOLOGY: 94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You have made from one every nation and people to live on all the face of the earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth and to make disciples of all nations, and today his family in all the world is joining at his holy table.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world, and strengthen it in every nation and among every people to witness faithfully in your name. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

SERVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, as we have shared together of your body and your blood, remind us that we are called to share of ourselves with all who we might encounter. Help us to welcome the stranger, the outcast, the unloved and the forgotten. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: 2220**

"We Are God's People"

vs 1-4

*BENEDICTION

May the glory of our Creator be ever present with you. May the peace of Christ become the foundation of your life. And may the Holy Spirit empower you to keep striving for the ways of Christ. Go in peace.

Amen.

*POSTLUDE:

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

Arr Vicki Tucker Courtney

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This Week's Birthday: Oct. 5th: Janet Krauss

Oct	Liturgists	Ushers
4th	Carolyn Ettlie	Cyndi Eickstaedt & Philip Gruntzel
11th	Lynn Sirna	Cyndi Eickstaedt & Philip Gruntzel
18th	John Hurley	Cyndi Eickstaedt & Philip Gruntzel
25th	Connie Ziegler	Cyndi Eickstaedt & Philip Gruntzel



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Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9am-1pm

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:

6 Saturday, November 28th

BLOOD DRIVE: Tuesday, December 8th from 1-6pm