Highland Avenue
United Methodist Church
18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2026
9:30 a.m.



Radical Hospitality

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Words of Welcome
The Prelude: **"Christ Beside Me"**

The Call to Worship**:**

Welcome to a time of wonder
and music that calls us home.
Welcome to hear God's words that inspire and challenge
and to reminders that we are offered holy hospitality -
Hospitality that teaches us how to open our lives to others
leading us to fully live open minds, open hearts, open doors.

*The Opening Hymn: **"Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother?" TFWS #2225**

*Opening Prayer:

"Almighty God, who has the power to transform bitterness into gratitude, hear our prayers, Today, make us mindful of today's immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. And so, we pray for all of those who are dismissed as being, 'a perpetual foreigner'- and then are treated like an alien. O God, instead, gather us together as one community- where no one is treated like a problem, but rather as a gift- who instead is listened to, protected , and appreciated. May we see Your face in every stranger that we meet. Amen."

*Gloria Patri **UMH # 71**

Congregation's Choice

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

The Scripture Lesson: **Luke 14: 15-24** **New Testament pg. 104**

A Time for Children: **"What I Like About Me"**

The Message: **"Radical Hospitality"**

Meditation in Music: **"Sanctuary"**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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A Time of Prayer
Celebrations and Concerns
Silent and Pastor Prayers
The Lord's Prayer **UMH #895**

The Offering
*Doxology **UMH # 95**
*The Prayer of Dedication
Dear Heavenly Father we offer our Praise and prayers of thanks. You have given the gifts that we now raise before You; gifts to be used for all of your Kindom. Amen

*The Closing Hymn: **"We Need a Faith" TFWS # 2181**

Words of Benediction

Announcements and Prayer

The Postlude: **"All Is Well"** *Composer: Ralph Cheney*



Please pray for:

Jill Anastasio
Pastor Angela's Mom
Trisha Aziz
Tom Bailey
Geneva and Norman Beckwith
June Black
Darryl Breed
Michael Breed
Cathy Brissette
Russell Brown
Anne Chase
Bob (Kathy Cumler-Dennis' brother)
Calvin
Cameron (Ralph's grandson)
Gretchen Clark
Thomas Clark
Dwight Cooper
Karen Crommett
Danielle
Peter Dennis
Barbara Dill
Donald
Donna & Mike DiTaranto
Tanner Dostie and family
Crystal Farris
Armand Fournier
Heidi Garland
Harold & Lynn Gerard
Carol Sue Giampitruzzi
Greg Giampetruzzi
Marge Gillman
Glen
Todd Goode
Lauren Greenleaf
Kayla Hamilton
Jones Hersom and family
Logan Hight-Harvey
Samantha Hills
Nancy Holmes
John
Charlotte Johnson
John Karny
David & Gail-Ellen Kelley
Vicky Kelley
Michael LaPlante
Norine Leathers
Ann LeClair
Cathy &Mark Leonard
Emily Long's family
Lois, sister-in-law of Pat O'Connor
Jerry Lucas
Norma MacKenzie
Cindy Malcolm's grandnephew
Gail Manelick's neighbor
Diane Marcos
Chad Martin
Steve McNelly
Joe Mertzel
Jim Meserve
The Mills Family
Ellen Minotty
Paula Moore
Herb Moreshead
Tammy
Pat O'Connor
Dennis O'Driscoll
Olivia & Jed
Silvia Palmer
Linda Pare
Kathy Patrick
Margaret Perkins
Peggy Philips
Joe Phillips
Cheryl and Paul Poulin
Jessie Powell
Garry Prosser
Sylvia Quint
Judy Quintal
Morris Quintal
Alton Ranks
Sandra Robinson
Ilene Russell's sister-in-law
Russell
Linda Shaw
Sherman Family
Sandy Smith
Laverne & Tim Tardiff
Randy and Lisa Thibeau
Ellen Truman
Samantha Dunn Walker
Wendy Vigue
Jane Weir
Jonathan Williams
Connor Wood

Our Country
People of the Middle East
The Military
Border Concerns
People of Ukraine
Victims of Violence
Victims of Natural Disasters
Kairos Prison Ministry