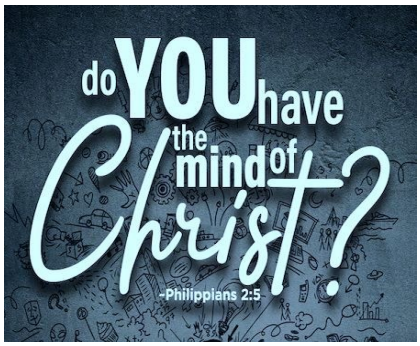
Highland Avenue
United Methodist Church
20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026
9:30 a.m.



GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Words of Welcome
The Prelude: **"Voluntary"**

The Call to Worship**:** *(B.J. Beu)*

Give ear to God's teaching. Hear the stories of our ancestors.
Incline your ears to parables and sayings of old.
Tell the coming generations of God's glorious deeds.
Come to the fount of living water and drink deeply.
Taste the wellspring of our salvation.
We gather to worship as people reborn.

*The Opening Hymn: **"I Love to Tell the Story" UMH # 156**

*Opening Prayer: *(B.J. Beu)*

Holy Mystery, the stories of our ancestors touch us as sayings of old. Help us behold truths in their stories we are frightened to see in our own. Open our eyes to see your presence amidst their hopes and fears. Open our hearts to the courage it takes to assume leadership in our communities while remaining your faithful followers. Open our minds to perceive hope in the midst of despair. We believe, Great Spirit. Help our unbelief. Amen.

*Gloria Patri **UMH # 71**

Congregation's Choice

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

The Scripture Lesson: **Philippians 2: 1-13**

A Time for Children: **"Wearing an Apron for Christ"**

The Message: **"Having the Mind of Christ"**

Meditation in Music: **"Agnus Dei"** *composer: Ralph Cheney*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

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The Offering

*Doxology **UMH # 95**

*The Prayer of Dedication

God of overflowing abundance, when your people suffered from thirst, you satisfied their need with water from a rock. Receive our gifts, O God, and transform them into blessings that grace the lives of others like an ever-flowing stream. Receive our thanks and praise, our industry and our love, that all might share your manifold blessings. Amen.

*The Closing Hymn: **"Take My Life and Let It Be" UMH # 399**

Words of Benediction

Announcements and Prayer

The Postlude: **"Dona Nobis Pacem"**



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
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
Treb Iman
Jill
John
Charlotte Johnson
John Karny
David & Gail-Ellen Kelley
Vicky Kelley
Michael LaPlante
Norine Leathers
Ann LeClair
Cathy &Mark Leonard
Emily Long and her family
Lois, sister-in-law of Pat O'Connor
Jerry Lucas
Norma MacKenzie
Cindy Malcolm's grandnephew
Gail Manelick's neighbor
Chad Martin
Mary
Sharon Mason

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
Family of 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 & friend
Russell
Linda Shaw
Sherman Family
Sandy Smith
John Strainer
Laverne & Tim Tardiff
Randy and Lisa Thibeau
Tyler & Carol Trott
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