

Highland Avenue
United Methodist Church
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 2025
9:30 a.m.

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD



Words of Welcome

The Prelude: “**Andante**”

The Call to Worship:

Leader: As we enter this sacred space-

People: Some people are overwhelmed with a sense of belonging.

Leader: As we enter this sacred space-

People: Some people feel the weight unworthiness.

Leader: As we enter this sacred space-

People: Each of us comes seeking your forgiveness, your healing, your blessing, your peace, your love.

Leader: As we enter this sacred space-

People: May we be bathed in the Holy Spirit, anointed once more to be Christ for a hurting world.

*The Opening Hymn: “**Shall We Gather at the River**” UMH #723

Opening Prayer (*St. Francis of Assisi*)

All highest, glorious God, cast your light into the darkness of my heart. Give me right faith, firm hope, perfect charity and profound humility, with wisdom and perception, O Lord, so that I may do what is truly your holy will. Amen.

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

The Scripture Lesson: **Philippians 4: 10-13**
Mark 10: 17-22

New Testament pg. 269
New Testament pg. 63

The Message: “**A River Runs Through It**”

Meditation in Music: “**Down to the River to Pray**”

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A Time of Prayer

Celebrations and Concerns

Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer **UMH # 895**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

The Offering

*Doxology **UMH # 95**

*The Prayer of Dedication

Jesus, we come to your altar where on special Sundays we receive you in communion. It is here that you give yourself self totally and completely to us. As we lift up our gifts for your blessing, multiply them for your ministries. And help us to offer ourselves, totally and completely to you, blessing us to magnify your light in a dark world. Amen.

*The Closing Hymn: **"I've Got Peace Like a River"** **TFWS #2145**

Benediction

Announcements and Prayer

Postlude **"Sandy River Belle"**



Please pray for:

Harold Aziz
Trisha Aziz
Tom Bailey
Geneva and Norman
Beckwith
Michael Breed
Cathy Brissette
Russell Brown
Kendal Buck
Cameron (Ralph's
grandson)
Gretchen Clark
Karen Crommett
Danielle
Donna & Mike
DiTaranto
Patricia Evis

Harold and Lynn
Gerard
Kay Gregory
Russell Hickey
Nancy Holmes
Vicky Kelley
Michael LaPlante
Ann LeClair
Kevin Lee
Cathy & Mark
Leonard
Emily Long's gram
Lois, sister-in-law of
Pat O'Connor
Jerry Lucas
Steve McNelly
Judy Meserve's
cousins
Kathy Meserve
Ellen Minotty
Tony Morgan

Pat O'Connor
Dennis O'Driscoll
Olivia & Jed
Silvia Palmer
Linda Pare
Carla Parsons
Peggy Philips
Family of Mike
Pinette
Jessie Powell
Sylvia Quint
Judy Quintal
Morris Quintal
Alton Ranks
Tanya Russell
Bette & Sicky
Seymour
Sherman Family
Myron Smith
Sullivan Smith

Flo Sutter
Laverne & Tim
Tardiff
Randy and Lisa
Thibeau
Rick Thombs
Tracy Trott
Samantha Dunn
Walker
Lorna Ulmer's
brothers
Jane Weir
Jonathan Williams
Bert Winslow
Irene Wise
People of the Middle
East
The Military
Border Concerns
People of Ukraine
Victims of Violence
Victims of Natural
Disasters