A church that chooses love over hate; cooperation over competition; grace over grudges.



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24th Sunday of Kingdomtide

November 8, 2026- 10:30 a.m.

Welcome All!

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us either on YouTube Live or in the Sanctuary

*Congregation, please stand if able

PRELUDE **Tom Hoehn**

Point to Ponder: The happiest people I know are people who don't even think about being happy. They just think about being good neighbors, good people. And then happiness sort of sneaks in the back window while they are busy doing good.
~ Harold Kushner

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **Rudy Hyde**

Leader: As we come to worship, let us leave at the door our self-centered thoughts.

People: And open our eyes to see our neighbor in worship.

Leader: As we come to worship, let us leave at the door our feelings of exclusiveness.

People: And open our minds to the possibilities of inclusion.

Leader: As we come to worship, let us leave outside our notion of generosity.

People: And open our hearts to the possibility of giving beyond our typical gift.

ALL: As we come to worship, let us open our eyes, our minds and our hearts to what can be instead of what is. For all of our gifts and for all possibilities, let us lift our voices in praise!

***HYMN OF PRAISE** **No. 89**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT **Rudy Hyde**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:
L: We are taught to love you, O God, with all of our heart.
P: We confess that our allegiance is less than complete.
L: We are taught to love you, O God, with all of our soul.
P: We confess that we long to have our own way.
L: We are taught to love you, O God, with all of our mind.
P: We confess that our thoughts are seldom so pure.
L: We are taught to love our neighbors, as we love ourselves.
P: We confess preference for ourselves being first.
L: God have mercy upon us as we make our confession.
P: Christ have mercy upon us and forgive our sin.

A time of silent confession before God.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven**.**

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

HYMN AFTER CONFESSION **TFWS 2068**

"I Love You, Lord"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Followed by the Lord's Prayer

YOUR GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Watchful God, you call us to keep awake—to live with open eyes and attentive hearts, ready to recognize Christ in the needs and joys that surround us each day. As we bring these gifts, keep the flame of compassion burning within us. Fill us with the oil of kindness, generosity, and holy attentiveness, that our lives may shine with your love in a world too often dimmed by fear and indifference. Use these offerings and our willing spirits to bring light, hope, and welcome to your children. Keep us awake to your presence and faithful in your service, through Christ our Lord. Amen

OFFERTORY **Tom Hoehn**
***DOXOLOGY**
Scripture for November *Isaiah 40:31*

But those who hope in the Lord
Will "renew", their strength.

Isaiah 40:31

***GOSPEL LESSON** **Bill Elliott**

Matthew 22:34-40

Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God
People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE **Nancy Dimas**

"The Good Neighbor Settlement House"

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** **No. 641**

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

HOLY COMMUNION **Pg. 13**

100 % for the November 2nd Mile Offering
Going to the Good Neighbor Settlement House

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH** **No. 693**

"Here I Am, Lord"

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor: God has shown us the way of love.

People: Let us go committed to live in that love, so that all the world might experience through us the grace of God, the comfort of Christ and the strength of the Spirit.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Submit to God and God will bring the best out of you.

POSTLUDE **Tom Hoehn**

FUMC San Benito 6th Core Belief: