FUMC San Benito 6th Core Belief:
A church that chooses love over hate; cooperation over competition; grace over grudges.



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November 22, 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: Faith doesn't remove the turbulence; it teaches us to trust the One who sees the whole horizon.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **Vernon Phillips**

Family of God, on this Reign of Christ Sunday, we celebrate and remember Christ, who reigns over all creation with love and grace, forming us as a family bound together by God.
We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and calls us to do the same.

We gather to recount all the ways we encounter Christ in our midst—in our neighbor who checks in when we're sick, in our unhoused friends who gather for a meal, in our friends who have been wounded in body and spirit.
We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and reminds us to do the same.

We join our voices with Christians throughout the world and throughout time to give thanks and to seek guidance as we grow in love of God, neighbor, self, and creation**.**
We come to worship Christ, who cares for the least of these and inspires us to do the same.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** **No. 176**

"Majesty, Worship His Majesty"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT **Rudy Hyde**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:
Leader: Who do we say that Jesus is? In our finest moments, we declare God's truth:
People: Jesus is the Messiah, God-with-us, Savior of all, Shepherd and Friend. Jesus is Lord of our whole lives.
Leader: Who do we say that Jesus is? In our weakest moments, we utter deceptions:
People: Jesus is a magician who makes our problems disappear, a superhero who rescues us from trouble. Or, he is a nice man who lived once upon a time: inoffensive, benign, sentimental and dull. A superstition. A wishful imagining. A Sunday morning diversion who asks nothing from us.
Leader: Forgive us our feeble and false affirmations.
People: Empower us to answer the question with renewed energy and integrity.
Leader: Who do we say that Jesus is?
People: Love beyond all loving, Name beyond all names, Hope beyond all wishing, Eternal Mystery, Word-made-flesh, Our Redeemer. He lives. He asks great things of us and empowers us for the tasks of discipleship. He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Amen.

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 OF RENEWAL No. 174
"His Name Is Wonderful"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Followed by the Lord's Prayer

YOUR GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE
OFFERTORY PRAYER: Dear Compassionate One who reigns over us. Receive these gifts and receive our lives, that we may become people whose generosity flows not from obligation but from love. Use our offerings to feed, welcome, comfort, and restore, so that others may glimpse

your kingdom through our care. And when we serve our neighbors, awaken us to the holy mystery that we are serving you. Shape us into disciples whose greatest joy is to love as Christ first loved us. 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

EPISTLE LESSON **Louise Humble**

Ephesians 1:15-23

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

MESSAGE **Pastor Melissa**

"The View from the Tower"

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

If you desire to draw closer to Christ
Either by Baptism or Renewal of Your Spiritual Journey
You are welcome to come forward at the singing
Of the last hymn.

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH** **No. 327**

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor: And Now Go to trust and serve. 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**