United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections."





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# 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 2025-10:30 a.M.

# Welcome All!

We are pleased that you are worshipping with us either on You Tube Live or in the Sanctuary
\*Congregation, please stand if able

**PRELUDE** 

Tom Hoehn

Point to Ponder: Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.

Winston Churchill

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rudy Hyde

L: Even though we don't always feel it, God is with us.

P: The darkness and doubt of the world can threaten to consume us.

L: Yet God is with us.

P: All around us, there is fear and hopelessness.

L: God brings to us hope and peace. We place our trust in God's abundant love.

P: Let us freely and without fear open our hearts to God's healing words of hope.

\*OPENING HYMN

No. 349

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Rudy Hyde

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Pastor Melissa God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, we barely remember all that has gone before. Too often our days are blurred by our anxieties and our fears, and we cannot always see what you are doing in our midst. Forgive our shortsightedness.

Forgive our focus on a misremembered history. Forgive our reluctance to embrace what you are bringing to life among us.

A moment of silence with God for your personal prayer of confession.

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

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

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS: FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### YOUR GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

OFFERTORY PRAYER: Faithful God, the One who stands ruins and renewals alike. in compassionate care continue to rain down on us. As we bring our offerings, we remember not only what was, but we dare to believe in and what will be. You are our strength when we falter, our vision when the future feels uncertain. Use these gifts to rebuild your beloved community—not only and structure, but in lives made whole. stone relationships restored, and justice pursued. May your peace dwell richly in what we offer and how we live, that the glory of this house—the people called by your name—might truly shine. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY \*DOXOLOGY

Tom Hoehn

Scripture for Month of November 1 Chronicles 16:34

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His Love endures FOREVER...

1 Chronicles 16:34

### **OLD TESTAMENTLESSON**

**Louise Humble** 

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

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

# "A Call to Courage"

#### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

You are invited to come forward and Either unite by transfer of membership or Through baptism.

#### \*HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 374

"Standing On the Promises"

#### \*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go now with fresh courage to do the work of the Lord. Do not fear.

People: We are not alone, and the Lord's spirit abides among us.

Pastor: So take courage as you face each new challenge,. Go in the name of God, Father, Son & and Holy Spirit.

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

**POSTLUDE** 

Tom Hoehn

Having courage does not mean that we are unafraid. Having courage and showing courage means we face our fears. We are able to say, 'I have fallen, but I will get up.'

Maya Angelou