

SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 04, 2026

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST , YEAR A

Ring of Outdoor Bell @ 10:00 AM

Liturgist: Judi Hartshorn

Welcome

Pastor Laura Perez

Gathering Hymns

“Jesus, Name above All Names” TFWs# 2071

Call to Worship

L: We live in a world that entices us with influence, power, and accolades.

P: We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call.

L: Sometimes we find ourselves wishing for heaven without working to bring heaven to earth.

P: We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call to live righteously here and now.

L: Other times, we find ourselves exhausted by working for the gospel, wondering if anything we do is making a difference.

P: We remind one another to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call, leaning on Christ as the source of our perseverance and hope.

L: Beloved, God calls us not to escape this world but to build the kingdom of God in this place and in this time.

P: We choose to press on toward the prize of the heavenly call to embody God’s mercy and justice as we build God’s kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

All: Prayer of Confession

Loving God, present and near. You are beyond our words and our understanding. Help us to remember that You are at once infinite, boundless, timeless, and eternal, but, at the same time, intimately entwined with our lives. You are with us no matter where we find ourselves. When we have forgotten You, **Lord, have mercy.** When we have failed to speak words of love, **Lord, have mercy.** When we have neglected the need of another, **Lord, have mercy.** Loving God, present and near, help us to recognize Your presence and nearness with us as we worship together. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Liturgist: Passing the Peace: May the peace of Christ be with you

People: And, with you! (Please be brief as you pass the peace of Christ and greet one another.)

Children’s Message

Marcia Heerema

Liturgist: Prayer before the Offering

Faithful Shepherd, you call us beyond our resumes and our trophies, beyond what we have been toward who we are becoming in Christ. As we lay these gifts before you, free us from clinging to what we think gives us worth. Turn our eyes toward the future you are unfolding. Let our giving press us deeper into mercy, widen the circle of belonging, and shape us into people who embody your justice and grace. Keep us moving; keep us growing; keep us following. We press on toward your kingdom, trusting you to lead. **Amen.** (Philippians 3:4b-14)

Offertory

Song / Music

Joy Asenas

Doxology:

UMH # 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayers, Concerns and Celebrations of the week

Pastor: The Lord’s Prayer

UMH # 895

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

Preparation Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” UMH # 64

Scripture Readings

Liturgist

Old Testament Psalm 19

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New Testament Philippians 3:4b-14

Message “The Heavenly Call”

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COMMUNION UMH PG. 12

Hymn of Commitment

“The Church’s One Foundation” UMH # 545 Verses 1,4, & 5

Prayer for Going Forth Liturgist and People:

Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. In Jesus' name. Amen. (J. Wesley, England, 18th Century).

Announcements

Food Share October 17th; SPRC meeting Wednesday October 7th 3:00 p.m. via ZOOM; Bell Choir Practice Thursday October 8th 4:00 p.m.

Blessings to the people

Disciples of Christ, may God bless you with perseverance, that together we may persist in following the way of Christ toward the heavenly call by embodying God’s mercy and justice here now. Amen.

Closing song

May the God of Peace be with you, holding you in strong fingered hands, and may you be an instrument of God's peace, to those whose hands you hold, and may the blessings of peace, be with you, be with you, be with you. ***Please stand as you are able in body or spirit**

Pastor
Liturgist
Greeters
Pianist
Children's Sermon
Adult Education Director
Lay Leader
Videographer
Office Admin
Communion Steward

APPRECIATION TO:

Laura Perez
Judi Hartshorn
You
Joy Asenas
Marcia Heerema
Laura Shaw
Susan Johnson
Eric Nelson
Cristina Mendez
Carolyn Diaz

Upcoming Events

Bible and Book Studies

“Disciple Bible Study”

Will resume September 14th
Monday's 10:00 – 12:00 Noon
Laura Shaw Facilitating through ZOOM

“Mere Christianity”

By C.S Lewis
Beginning July 28th
Tuesday's 1:00 – 3:00pm
Laura Shaw Facilitating through ZOOM

Volunteer Spotlight

Today, we shine the spotlight on **Martha Gentry**, whose service is a blessing to us, whether it's a greeting with a smile, lending a helping hand or quietly going the extra mile. We thank **Marcia Heerema** for her faithfulness in shaping young hearts, the way you continuously show up with a heart. Thank you, **Eric Nelson**, you are always ready to serve and make a difference, your hard work does not go unnoticed.

Our Vision

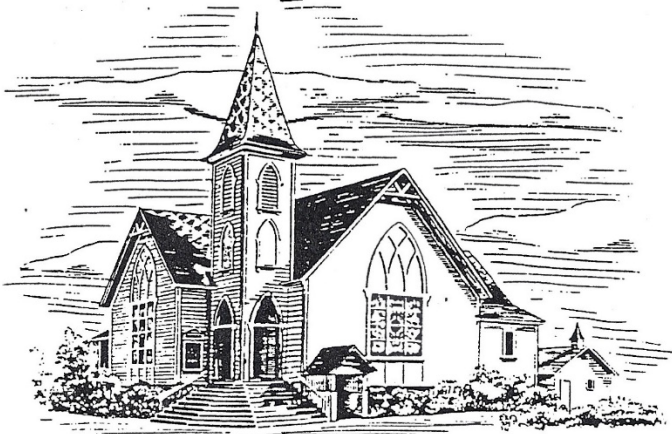
With God's help we will
Foster personal growth,
Promote participation by all ages,
Embrace new ideas, and
Be more visible and engaged in our community.

October Birthdays

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For Paul, faith is a deeply embodied journey that calls us into the present, embodied reality of loving and living with God, self, neighbor, and all creation. We press on together here and now by the grace through which Christ saves us.

Bishop – Rev. Dr. *Dottie Escobedo-Frank* North District DS – Rev. *Garth Gilliam*