

SUNDAY WORSHIP
October 18, 2026
TWENTY-FIRSTTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST , YEAR A

Ringling of Outdoor Bell @ 10:00 AM

Liturgist: Tom Somers

Welcome

Pastor Laura Perez

Gathering Hymns “I Love You Lord ” TFWS # 2068

Call to Worship

L: We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

P: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

L: The Spirit empowers us to live as imitators of Christ in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

P: We belong to God, and through God, we learn to love one another.

L: The Spirit inspires us to receive God’s Word with joy in a world that rejects the good news.

P: We belong to God, and through God, we live in joy with one another.

L: Come, let us worship in the assurance of God’s love that chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the family of Christ.

P: We come to worship God in the assurance that we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another. Amen.

All: Prayer of Confession

God of Grace, we know that you have chosen us, but we often forget that you have also chosen others. You call us to be imitators of Christ, yet many times we are imitators of the world. You challenge us to turn from our idols, but we are tempted to turn back to them again and again. Rescue us, Lord, from ourselves. Show us your way. Guide our every action, that we may live as you call us to live.

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

Gracious God, you choose ordinary people and weave them into a community that shines with your love. We thank you for the gift of belonging—for the call to live our faith in ways that ripple outward into the lives of others. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our willingness to be witnesses to your grace. Use what we offer to encourage the weary, welcome the searching, and strengthen your church as a living example of hope. May our shared life together always point to Christ, whose love calls and sends us. Amen. (1 Thessalonians 1:1-10)

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 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ” UMH # 103

Scripture Readings

Liturgist

Old Testament Exodus 33:12-23

Pastor Laura Perez New Testament 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Message “Chosen”

Pastor Laura Perez

Hymn of Commitment “Crown Him with Many Crowns” UMH # 327

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 No Food Share in October; Governing Board meeting Wednesday October 21st, 3:00 p.m. ZOOM

Blessings to the people

May God bless you with the assurance that you are chosen children of God, empowered and equipped by the Spirit to live as the Family of God in a world in desperate need of the good news. 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
Marcia Heerema
You
Joy Asenas
Tom Somers
Laura Shaw
Susan Johnson
Eric Nelson
Cristina Mendez
Carolyn Diaz

Upcoming Events

Bible and Book Studies

“Disciple Bible Study”

Monday's 10:00 – 12:00 Noon
Laura Shaw Facilitating through ZOOM

“Mere Christianity”

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

Volunteer Spotlight

Today, we shine the spotlight on **Michelle Patterson**, whose service is a blessing to us, we thank **Joanna Michel** 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

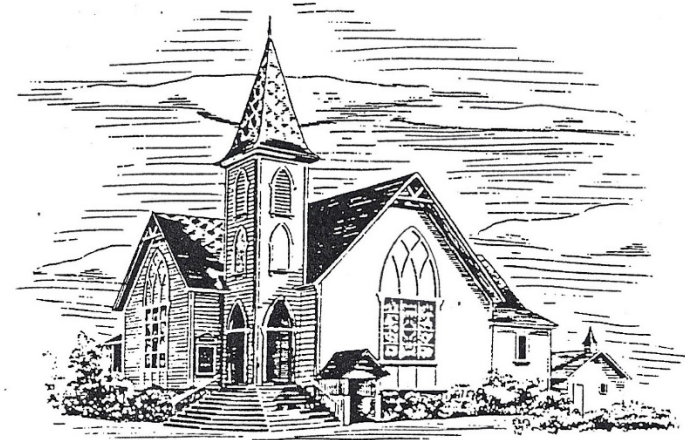
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But the lectionary invites us to start our thanksgiving early. Before the turkey and pumpkin pie and even before the trick-or -treaters come to our doors, we have the opening salutation of Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians. "We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in...

Bishop – Rev. Dr. *Dottie*

Escobedo-Frank

North District DS – Rev. *Garth Gilliam*