SUNDAY WORSHIP
October 25, 2026
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST , YEAR A

Ringing of Outdoor Bell @ 10:00 AM **Liturgist: Tom Somers**

Welcome **Pastor Laura Perez**

Gathering Hymns "Change My Heart, O God" TFWS # 2152

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: When we feel tested by hard decisions, calls to advocate against injustice, competing narratives, and worrying misinformation, we remember:
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L: When we struggle with damaged trust and the need to repair our relationships with God and one another, when we are called to go against the social current to build communities of mercy and justice, we remember:
P: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
L: Come, let us worship God whose grace surrounds us when we feel tested and tried, empowering us to remain faithful disciples of Jesus Christ when we face chaos, division, injustice, and hardship.
P: We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the Body of Christ in a broken and hurting world. Amen.

All: Prayer of Confession
Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with pride, quarreling, and divisiveness. Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God " UMH # 110

Scripture Readings Liturgist Old Testament Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Pastor Laura Perez New Testament Matthew 22:34-46
Additional Scripture Romans 5:1-5

Message "Lord, Reform Our Hearts" **Pastor Laura Perez**

Hymn of Commitment "God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH # 577

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; Trunk or Treat Wednesday, October 28th ; Daylight savings Sunday, November 01st.

Blessings to the people
May God bless you with the courage and the wisdom to respond to division, confusion, injustice, and hardship as imitators of Christ and agents of divine love as we work for the well-being and flourishing of all God's creation today and every day. 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

APPRECIATION TO:

Pastor	Laura Perez
Liturgist	Tom Somers
Greeters	You
Pianist	Joy Asenas
Children's Sermon	Marcia Heerema
Adult Education Director	Laura Shaw
Lay Leader	Susan Johnson
Videographer	Eric Nelson
Office Admin	Cristina Mendez
Communion Steward	Carolyn Diaz

Upcoming Events

Bible and Book Studies

"Disciple Bible Study"
Monday's 10:00 – 12:00 Noon
Laura Shaw Facilitating through ZOOM

Christmas Bible Study Coming Soon
Tuesday's 1:00 – 3:00pm
Laura Shaw Facilitating through ZOOM

Volunteer Spotlight

Today, we shine the spotlight on **Marcia Heerema**, whose service is a blessing to us, we thank **Tom Somers,** for his 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

31st Laura Shaw

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People who have been in the church a long time may hear the same words and assume they know what they mean, when in fact, we could all use a refresher on what Paul is and is not doing in this passage (see preaching notes). So as worship planners, how do we keep everyone engaged?

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