October 18, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
Laity Sunday
Worship Leaders – Emrick Gunderson & United Women of Faith
Liturgist – Sherrie Cottrell Music – Cindy Greene
Ushers – Jan Evans & Donna Bane Fellowship Host – Kathy Diehls, Julie Hull, and Karen Dexter

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting
L: The Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
P: And also with you.
L: The risen Christ is with us.
P: Praise the Lord!

Greeting One Another

Gathering Hymn – There's A Spirit In The Air *v1-4* **UMH #192**

Call to Worship
L: You are the salt of the earth – rich with flavor, full of purpose. You are the light of the world – shining with divine brilliance.

P: We come with hearts full of dreams and hands ready to serve. We believe in the abundance of God's grace, and we are ready to live it.

L: Let your light shine before others, so that they may see the love you live and the justice you pursue.

P: We are not here to hide or shrink – we are here to shine, to bless, to build together as one voice.

L: So Dream it. Believe it. Do it. For the world is waiting, and God is already at work in us.

P: We worship the God of abundance, the source of light and hope. Together we shine. Together we rise. Together we can dream it, believe it, and do it.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn – Now Thank We All Our God **UMH # 102**

Scripture Reading – Matthew 5:13-16
Message – Salt and Light - *Lay Leader Emrick Gunderson*

Prayer of Confession
Creator - Restorer - Ruler: We are prone to point the finger at others and to pervert justice by exaggerated charges. We want the rich to feed the hungry, but not to share from our own provisions. We prefer charity in principle, but in practice evade our duty even to our own kin. Some of us live in half-empty houses while there are families crowded into rooms too small for them, if they have rooms at all. Forgive our failure to live up to the best we know and to let the oppressed go free even after you have freed us. Amen.

Words of Assurance
L: Friends, hear the Good News! Christ nailed to the cross attests the cost of God's love and forgiveness.
P: Our faith is not built on human wisdom, but on the power of God.
L: Friends, believe the Good News!
P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven..

Time of Sharing
Lord's Prayer

Offering
Doxology - UMH # 95
Offertory Prayer
Closing Hymn – Here I Am, Lord **UMH # 593**

Benediction
Dismissal Hymn – Dream It, Believe It, Do It **UFW**

This Week:
SU 18 – Laity Sunday, Women's Small Group,
Fellowship Lunch @ noon Olive Garden
MO 19 – Reading Group @1pm,Big Brothers Big Sisters 3-4:30pm
TU 20 –
WE 21 – Building A Beloved Community study 10:30am or 6:30pm
Men's Group Lunch 11:30am @ Milton Family Restaurant
Prayer Shawl Ministry – 1pm
TH 22 -
FR 23 – Pastor's Sabbath Day
SA 24 – Open Table 4pm

Next Week:
SU 25 -
MO 26 –Big Brother Big Sisters 2:30p-4p
TU 27 –
WE 28 – Building A Beloved Community study 10:30am or 6:30pm
TH 29 –
FR 30 – Pastor's Sabbath Day
SA 31 – ***Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour***

Dear Church Family,
Thank you to everyone who has already completed our congregational survey. We still need some more responses.
If you have not yet participated, there is still time. The study looks at how people participate in the life of the church and how that may be related to congregational health.
The survey takes about 25–30 minutes.
Survey link:

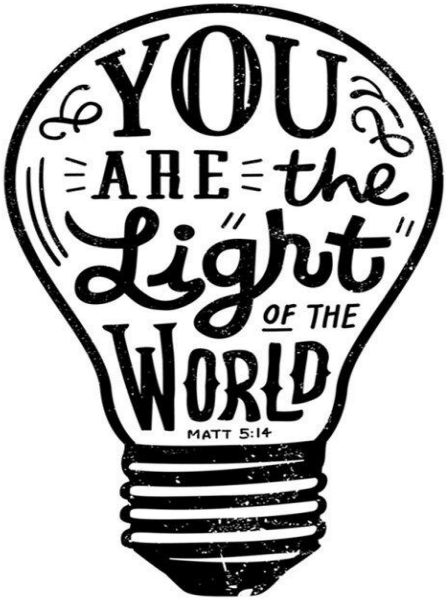
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C023-Lay
The survey will remain open for about two more weeks.
Participation is voluntary. The survey does not ask for your name or email address, and church leaders will not be told who has or has not participated.
Thank you for considering sharing your perspective.

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Mathhew 5:13-16

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven"
Matthews 5:16 NIV