



FIRSTCHURCH

UNITED METHODIST

Lay Ministry Sunday

October 11, 2026

Order of Worship

Worship Leader: Susan Patterson-Sumwalt

Worship Assistants: (8) Scott and Judy Tench (10:30) Shirley Edwards

Lay Ministry Recognition: Kris Brown, Lay Leader

Stewardship Moment: Shirley Edwards

Music:(8) Scott Tench, soloist; Judy Tench, piano

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

To see the life that teems around us,

To give thanks for the gift we have received;

To notice the beauty and promise of the fall,

To breathe deeply of the season;

To accept the gift of love, and to love in return:

This is to worship God.

Let us stand and join our voices together.

God our Creator:

We rejoice in the life of your world.

Jesus our Redeemer:

We rejoice in the new life you offer.

Holy Spirit our guide:

We rejoice in your life-giving companionship.

May all our rejoicing

bring praise and glory to You.

Amen!

Hymn

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

UMH 66

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

2 Praise him for his grace and favor
to his people in distress.
Praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

3 Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows!

4 Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Children's Moment

Anthem (10:30)

"Praise the Name of the Lord"

Ivanov / Norden

Chancel Choir

Todd DeBoer, director

Margaret Lucke, piano

Praise ye the name of the Lord,
O praise it ye servants of the Lord. Alleluia.
Prais'd be the Lord out of Sion,
who dwelleth at Jerusalem. Alleluia.
Give thanks unto the Lord,
for He is gracious, and His mercy endureth forever. Alleluia.
give thanks unto the God of Heav'n,
for His mercy endureth forever. Alleluia.

Stewardship Moment

Special Music

"10,000 Reasons"

Myrin and Redman

Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up,
It's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the ev'ning comes. Refrain

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great and Your heart is king;
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. Refrain

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing your praise unending,
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore. Refrain
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Lay Ministry Recognition

Scripture

Psalm 103.1-5

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Message

"10,000 Reasons: Stories of Hope" saps

Lighting the Candle of Peace, Hope, and Justice

Prayers

Offertory (10:30)

Hymn

“Hope of the World”

UMH 178

“Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion,
Speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.
Save us thy people, from consuming passion,
Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

Hope of the world, God’s gift from highest heaven,
Bringing to hungry souls the bread of life.
Still let thy spirit unto us be given,
To heal earth’s wounds and end her bitter strife.

Hope of the world, a-foot on dusty highways,
Showing to wandering souls the path of light.
Walk thou beside us lest the tempting byways
Lure us away from thee to endless night.

Hope of the world, who by the cross didst save us
From death and dark despair, from sin and guilt.
We render back the love thy mercy gave us;
Take thou our lives, and use them as thou wilt.

Hope of the world, O Christ, O’er death victorious,
Who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain.
We would be faithful to thy gospel glorious;
Thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign! Amen.”

Benediction/ Breakthrough Prayer

Postlude