October 18, 2026 **21st Sunday after Pentecost**

Welcome! We are glad you came to worship with us today!
It is our prayer that you will be richly blessed as we worship.

†Denotes please stand as you are able in praise to God.

Pastoral Greeting:

Call to Worship:
L:Though there are rulers, presidents, kings, queens, God is the Lord of all life.
P: In God we live and move and have our being.
L: God requires our faithfulness and our service.
P: We reach out to others with the same kind of love with which God has touched our lives.
L: Come, let us worship the Lord who is always with us.
All: Let us praise God who walks daily by our side. AMEN.

***Hymn of Praise:** **"It's Me, It's Me, O Lord"** **UMH #352**

Prayer of Confession:
All: We are so easily pulled this way and that way by those who would promise instant healing for all the world's woes. We want to have everything be whole and happy, and we don't know what to do, so we pay attention to those voices that cry the loudest, whether they are voices of blame or promise. In our fearfulness, we love to place blame for all our woes on the shoulders of a few people. In our anguish, we seek instant answers from sources that are very unreliable. Lord, help us. Turn us around. Help us know that you are our Lord and you have provided much for us. You have given to us abilities, and understanding, and ways in which we can be those who would bring peace and justice. You have blessed our lives. Heal and restore our spirits, Lord. Help us truly place our trust in you and to work in ministries that uplift people. This prayer we offer in Jesus' name. AMEN.

Words of Assurance:

†Affirmation of Faith: **(Traditional Version)** **UMH #881**

*** Gloria Patri:** **(Glory Be to the Father)** **UMH #70**

***Passing of the Peace of Christ:**

Prayer for Illumination:
All: Holy Spirit, divine Teacher and Comforter, open our minds to understand the Scriptures and open our hearts to receive their truth. As You spoke to Moses face to face, speak now to us through Your Word. Remove every spiritual blindness. Break through every hardness of heart. Give us ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Guide us into truth, convict us where we have wandered, encourage us where we are weary, and transform us into the image of Christ. Let Your Word not simply inform us, but transform us. We ask in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture: **Exodus 33:12-23** **Pew Bible Pg. 64**

Psalm Scripture: **Psalm 99** **UMH #819**

N.T. Gospel Scripture: **Matthew 22:15-22** **Pew Bible Pg. 699**

Hymn of Preparation: **"He Is Exalted" x2** **TFWS #2070**

Message: **Jay W. Brown, CLM/OSL**

***Special Music:**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer: **(see bulletin)**

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts and Prayer of Dedication:

***The Doxology:** **UMH #95**

***Closing Hymn:** **"I Love You, Lord" x2** **TFWS #2068**

Benediction and Going Forth:

Postlude: **"Make Me A Servant"** **TFWS #2176**



Church Annoucements!!!!

Weekly Church Services:

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 a.m

Weekly Bible Study
Tuesday's 7:00 p.m. at Wesley UMC

(Any questions please check with either Lettie-Jane or the Pastor)

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