

October 19, 2025 19th Sunday after Pentecost
Laity and New Member Sunday

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: Jesus said we are his witnesses.

P: We know God's Spirit is at work in our lives.

L: We listen for his voice in the cries of our neighbors.

P: We know your plan is to gather all in love.

L: As God's own people, we are Spirit-strong, ligaments of grace when we follow your wisdom and instruction for a "whole" way of life.

All: We thank God that our own lives can "cover" the LORD's song when we know the "script" by heart.

†Opening Hymn: "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" UMH #204

Reception of New Members: (Bulletin Insert)

Call to Prayer of Confession:

L: Trusting in grace, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

All: Patient Lord, you know how easy it is for us to whine and complain bitterly about all those things in our lives that are difficult. We focus on them as though they were the only things that ever happened to us, forgetting the many blessings that you have given to us and the opportunities you give us to serve you. We feel alienated--you call us beloved. We feel lost--you seek us. We feel broken and battered--your love is a healing balm. Forgive us when we forget those things. Help us to always look to you for our healing and to return thanks to you by praise and serving others in your name. For we offer this prayer of confession of our failures and gratitude for your blessings. AMEN.

Words of Assurance:

†Affirmation of Faith:

All: We believe in God: a communion of three Persons, a communion of Life a communion of Love a communion of Peace We believe in Jesus: God and human Prince of Peace We believe in his Gospel the Good News, God's message of peace. We believe Jesus died, rose, and sent us the Holy Spirit so we could live in his peace. We believe in Baptism that makes us one family in Jesus, crucified and risen from the dead to lead us to eternal peace. Jesus is our hope. Through him, we pray for peace; with him, we work for peace. In him, we live for peace: the peace of God's children

†Gloria Patri:

UMH #70

Passing the Peace of Christ:

Prayer for Illumination:

All: These are your words, O God. Humble us to speak their weight. Strengthen us to hear their truth. Unbind us to live their call. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Epistle Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-21 Pew Bible Pg. 828

† 2nd Epistle Scripture: Romans 12:6-21 Pew Bible Pg. 803

Hymn of Preparation: "The Family of God"

Message:

"Ten Reasons to Join a Church Mr. Elwood Breon, CLS

Special Music:

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts:

***The Doxology: "Praise God..... UMH #95**

†Closing Hymn: "Here I Am, Lord" UMH #593

Benediction and Sending Forth:

Sending Forth: "Make Me A Servant" TFWS #2176



Church Announcements!!!!

Weekly Church Services:

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Weekly Bible Study: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Church Staff:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

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Administrative Chairperson: Jack L. Turner, Jr.

Administrative Chairperson: (Emeritus) Roberta Suloff

Trustees Chairperson: Robert White

**Please invite family and friends to view or follow our
Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom.**

You can also join the Zoom Meeting using the below:

This is the Zoom Meeting ID and Password:

Meeting ID: 84694237019

Passcode: church

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