October 25, 2026 **22nd 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: God has called us to be people of love.
P: God didn't mean the "syrupy" stuff of movies and novels.
L: Truly loving can sometimes be difficult
P: Yet we are called to reach beyond the difficulty with compassion.
L: In all of this, God is with us, guiding and helping us.
All: Thanks be to God for God's faithful presence. AMEN.

***Hymn of Praise:** **"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"** **UMH #110**

Prayer of Confession:
All: Merciful God, it isn't easy for us to follow the commandments of loving. Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God and to love our neighbors. But we have allowed misunderstanding, fear, hatred, and prejudice to cloud our spirits, turning them away from those who need our love. We place a test before you, asking that you prove your love to us, or we threaten not to believe in you. Please forgive us for this foolishness and stubbornness. Give us the courage to be people who will care for others. Let us dedicate our lives in your service, always aware of your awesome love for us. This we ask 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: Father, as we open Your Word, open our hearts. Give us spiritual eyes to see wonderful truths in Your Word and spiritual ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Let Your Word challenge us where we are wrong, comfort us where we are hurting, and transform us where we need growth. Hide Your servant behind the cross and let Jesus be exalted. For we ask it in His holy name. Amen.

N.T. Epistle Scripture: **1 Thessalonians 2:1-8** **Pew Bible Pg. 838**

***N.T. Gospel Scripture:** **Matthew 22:34-46** **Pew Bible Pg. 699**

Hymn of Preparation: **"More Like You"** **TFWS #2167**

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:** **"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"** **UMH #557**

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)

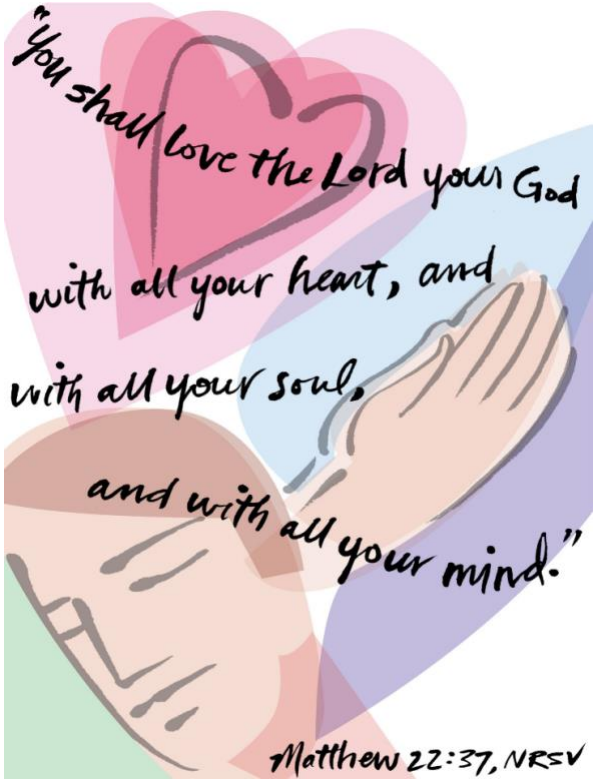
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