November 8, 2026 **Laity 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: Today we gather to celebrate the people of God, called and gifted to serve Christ in every place and every day.
P: We come with grateful hearts, rooted and grounded in the love of Christ.
L: Through faith, Christ dwells in our hearts and strengthens us for ministry.
P: We offer our lives, our gifts, and our service to God's glory.
L: Come, let us worship the One who calls ordinary people to extraordinary service.
All: With joy and thanksgiving, we worship God, whose love sustains and sends us. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise:** **"Jesus, United By Thy Faith"** **UMH #561**

Prayer of Confession:
All: Gracious God, You have called us to be Your people and sent us to serve in the name of Christ. Yet we confess that we have not always lived as faithful disciples. Forgive us when we have taken Your grace for granted, when we have failed to love our neighbors, and when we have neglected opportunities to serve. Forgive us for the times we have relied on our own strength instead of trusting in Your Spirit. Root us once again in Your love and renew our commitment to follow Christ. Strengthen us to use our gifts faithfully, to serve joyfully, and to bear witness to Your love in our homes, workplaces, community, and church. By Your mercy, transform our hearts and guide our lives, that all we do may honor You and advance Your kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray. 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.

O.T. Scripture: **Isaiah 55:12-13** **Pew Bible Pg. 525**

O.T. Scripture: **Jeremiah 17:10-20** **Pew Bible Pg. 549**

***N.T. Gospel Scripture:** **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Pew Bible Pg. 835**

Hymn of Preparation:
"Lord I Lift Your Name on High" **TFWS #2088**

Message: **Ms. Debbie Blaney, BLS**

***Special Music:** **"O How He Loves You and Me"** **TFWS # 2108**

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:** **"God of Grace and God of Glory"** **UMH #577**

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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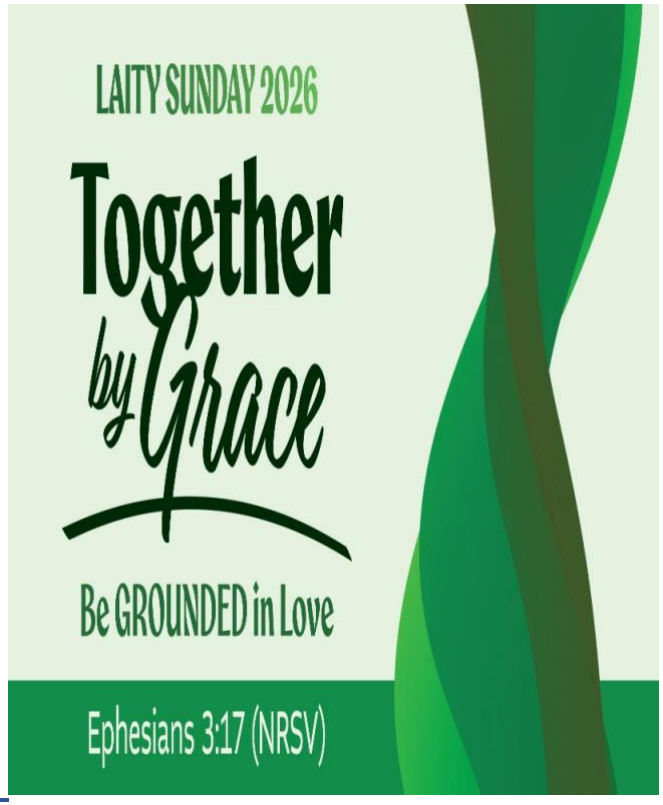

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