Welcome! *We are so glad you've chosen to worship with us today. This is the Lord's house, and here everyone is truly welcome. Our doors, our hearts, and our minds are open to you.*
We invite you to make yourself at home in this sacred space, and to join fully in worship as we sing, pray, and praise God together. When you see an asterisk (*) in the bulletin, please stand as you are able—your presence and participation bring life and joy to our worship.

Gathering "10,000 Reasons"

Chorus:
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 evening comes (Chorus)

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Welcome and Announcements Lee Driscoll

Prelude and Receiving the Light of Christ Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes

*Call to Worship *Based on Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17 and 1 Thessalonians 2:1–8* Lee Driscoll

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.
Before the mountains were born, you were God.
People: In every season and through every trial, you are our refuge and our strength.
Leader: Our days pass quickly like the grass, but your steadfast love endures.
Come, Lord, and have compassion on your servants.
People: Satisfy us each morning with your love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Leader: God tests our hearts and calls us to share the gospel with courage, sincerity, and love.
People: Give us hearts that seek to please you and gentleness to care for one another.
Leader: Let your work be known among your servants and your glory among their children. May your favor rest upon us.
People: Establish the work of our hands, O Lord. Through every test, help us worship faithfully and serve with love. Amen.

* Hymn of Praise "God of Love and God of Power" UMH 578

*Affirmation of Faith UMH 887

*Choral Response "Gloria Patri" UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be,
world without end. Amen Amen.

Children's Moment Terri Carmichael

Hymn of Preparation "Lord, Speak of Me" UMH 463

* Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Pastor Fabian
See Insert

Message "Tested" Pastor Fabian

*Hymn of Response "Pass It On" UMH 572

Offertory Prayer Lee Driscoll

Loving God, you call us not only to believe the gospel, but to live it. You test our hearts not with trials meant to break us, but through the daily invitation to serve, to love, and to share our lives with one another. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our willingness to embody the good news of Christ. Use what we offer to nurture communities of compassion, where faith is lived gently, courageously, and with humility. May our witness—like Paul's—be rooted not in pride or gain, but in love that gives itself freely for others. Amen. (1 Thessalonians 2:1-8)

Offertory Music Jill Jones-Lazuka

* Congregational Response "Doxology" UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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* Sending Forth "10,000 Reasons" Jill Jones-Lazuka & Acolytes

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* Blessing and Benediction Pastor Fabian

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Prayer Request 10/18/2026

Joy Heit—broken jaw (Judy Webster)
Hazel Walker—medical issues (Patsy King)

Birthdays this week

Oct.	26	Louise Vail
Oct.	27	Dalia Valtierra
Oct.	30	Beth Carter
Oct.	30	Gerri Reese

Weekly Updates & Upcoming Events

*Upper Rooms are available today on table in hallway.





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Sundays	Small Group	9:45 a.m.	-	10:45 a.m.
	Worship	11:00 a.m.	-	12:00 p.m.
	Choir Rehearsal	12:00 p.m.	-	1:00 p.m.
	AA Group	6:00 p.m.	-	7:00 p.m.
Mondays	Agape Thrift	9:00 a.m.		12:00 p.m.
Mondays	Lunch Bunch	11:30 a.m.	-	12:30 p.m.
Fridays	Agape Thrift	9:00 a.m.	-	1:00 p.m.
	Lunch Bunch	11:30 a.m.	-	12:30 p.m.