



Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2026 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "Aria" Paul Manz

() Indicates that all are invited to stand*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** ⁽¹⁾ *based on Psalm 1*

One: Come, let us delight in the law of God.

All: Our joy is found in the love of God and neighbor.

One: Come, let us be nourished by the Living Water.

All: Together, we will worship the One who enables us to thrive.

***GATHERING HYMN:** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #1 vv. 1-3

(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,

not wanting, not wasting, but ruling in might;

Your justice like mountains high soaring above,

your clouds which are foundations of goodness and love.

Your life is life-giving—to both great and small;

In all life you're living, the true life of all;

We blossom and flourish as leaves and as flowers,

Then wither and perish—but naught dims your powers.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (1)**

Merciful God, creator of all that is, seen and unseen, our delight is in your word
and we have a deep sense of your presence when we allow it to fill our lives night and day.
For the times when we listen to the advice of those who rebel against your gracious ways,
God have mercy.

For those times when we can be found with those who scorn,
Christ have mercy.

We experience your blessings like a tree that is planted beside a never-failing stream,
so for those times when we do not bear the fruits of your abundance,
God have mercy. (silent confession)

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Happy are we, holy people, when we walk in the ways of our God.
Happy are we, beloved ones, as we receive God's forgiveness.
Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" v.4**

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Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.**

***PASSING THE PEACE**

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 1 Pew Bible p.424

A Word of God that is stilling speaking,
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Sarah Fredriksen McCann

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN OF REFLECTION: "Take My Life, God, Let It Be" #448 *New Century Hymnal*
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

Take my life, God, let it be consecrated faithfully.

Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my spirit, let it move at the impulse of your love.

Take my intellect and use all its powers as you choose.

Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.

Take my heart, and by your grace make it your dwelling place.

Take my love and help it grow; let my loving overflow.

Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's community.

RESPONDING

We respond to God's Word through our prayers and our gifts.

NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY "Sicilienne" Malcolm Archer
(A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving.)

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "We Give You But Your Own" #785 *New Century Hymnal*

We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;

All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SENDING

With God's blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.

COMMISSIONING HYMN: "In the Bulb There is a Flower" #433 *New Century Hymnal
(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn for every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

***COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Grand Choeur in G" Theodore Salome

Worship Endnotes:

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--Adopted by Hope UCC Congregation August 29, 2010