The liturgical color is green for Ordinary Time

Traditional Worship
Sunday, October 11, 2026

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal

PRELUDE "Prelude and Fugue in C Major" J. S. Bach
Amy Bender, organist

WELCOME Craig Eppler, liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Beloved, God's never-ending love spills out all around us, drawing us together in beloved community with God, neighbor, and all creation.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

God's always-present grace surrounds us, enlivening us to love ourselves and our neighbors just as Christ loves us.

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God's persistent peace sweeps through us, guarding our hearts and empowering us to live as agents of God's mercy and justice wherever we go.

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May our rejoicing overflow into our families, neighborhoods, and the whole earth that through our living, working, resting, and playing, God may be glorified.

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Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2026.

***OPENING HYMN** "Rejoice, the Lord is King" UMH 715

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S INVITE

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Exodus 33:12-16, p. 64

ANTHEM "On Faith Alone" arr. Tom Fettke
Chancel Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

BAPTISM

Nova Louise Andrews
Daughter of Sarah & Michael Andrews

Aleighanne Louise Hardway
Daughter of Amy & Gary Mlynarczyk

**Congregation is invited to stand or remain seated*

HYMN "Child of Promise" UMH 611

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MENTOR IN MINISTRY

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

As the plates are being passed, please also take this opportunity to sign the Welcome Book and pass it on.

OFFERTORY "Speak, O Lord" Mary McDonald
Chancel Choir; Dave Sechnick and Larry Fram, duet

***DOXOLOGY #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!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN OF CENTERING** "Blessed Assurance" UMH 369

Hymn History: The music to this hymn was written by Phoebe Knapp. She was born in New York City in 1839. Her parents were religious teachers and were estimated to have converted forty thousand souls in their lifetimes. Phoebe married Joseph Knapp, who was the president of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. They had three children. Joseph had a pipe organ installed in their New York City apartment, considered to be the largest pipe organ in the world in a private residence. The Knapps were members of the John Street Methodist Episcopal Church (now known as John Street United Methodist Church) located in Lower Manhattan near Ground Zero. It is considered the first Methodist church in America. In 1873, Phoebe composed the music of this hymn to the text written by fellow John Street church member, Fannie Crosby (1820-1915). Phoebe Knapp died in Poland, Maine in 1908.

SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, p. 63

MESSAGE "Always Give Thanks: Chosen"
Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

***HYMN OF MISSION** "Go Forth for God" UMH 670

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION SUNG RESPONSE** "Go Now In Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

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POSTLUDE "Psalm XIX" Marcello

Altar Flowers are presented by Sally Carr
In Loving Memory of Parents, Cecil O. and Margaret Sprague

Pulpit Flowers are presented by Joyce Snyder
In Loving Memory of Charles (Carl) Snyder, husband

To order flowers please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485

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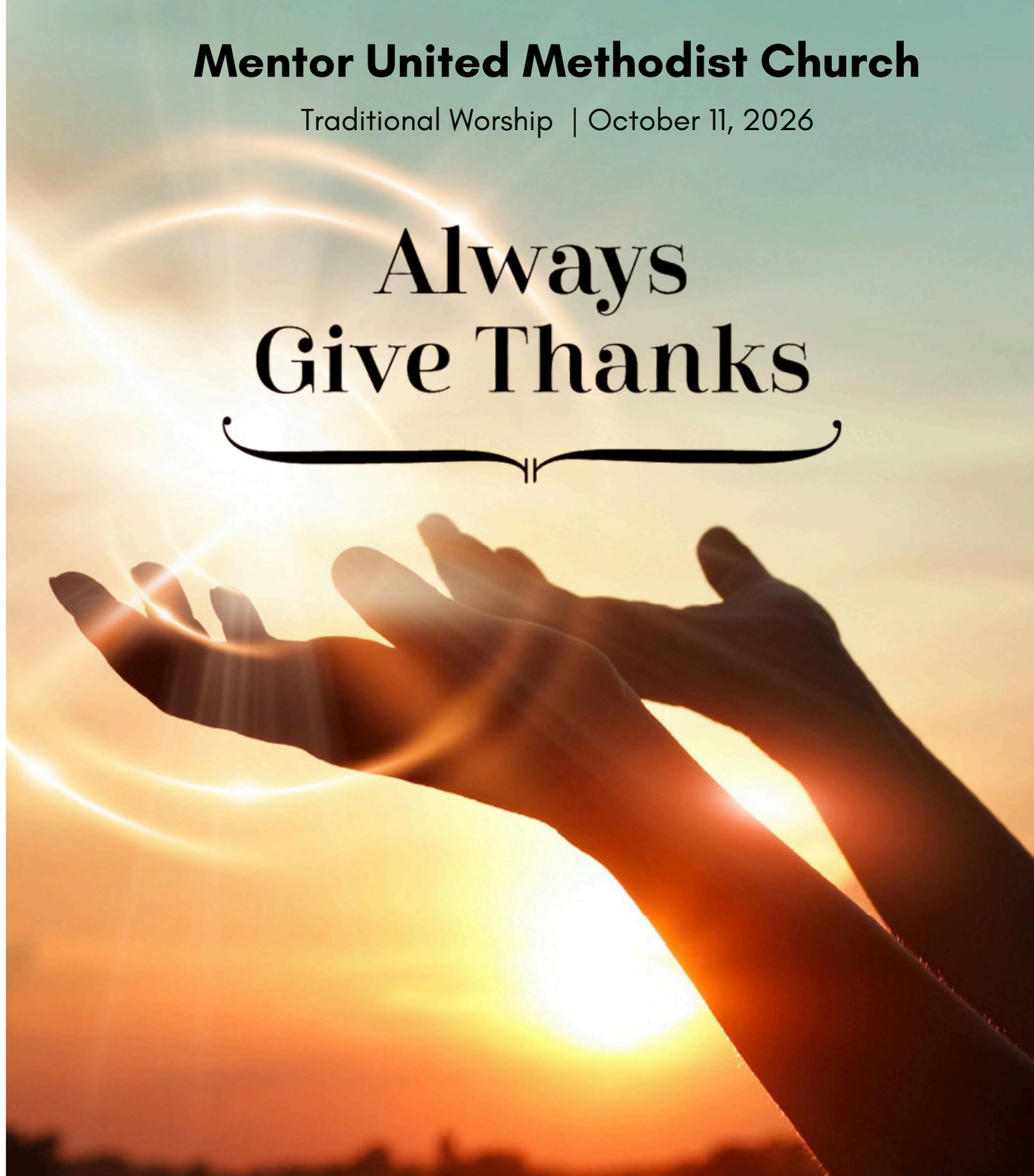

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- 10 AM Martin Journey Group

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- Gaming Group
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