The liturgical color is green for Ordinary Time

Traditional Worship
Sunday, October 18, 2026

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal

PRELUDE "Allegro" Johann Gottfried Walther
Amy Bender, organist

WELCOME Sally Racheck, liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
When we feel tested by hard decisions, calls to advocate against injustice, competing narratives, and worrying misinformation, we remember:
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When we struggle with damaged trust and the need to repair our relationships with God and one another, when we are called to go against the social current to build communities of mercy and justice, we remember:
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Come, let us worship God whose grace surrounds us when we feel tested and tried, empowering us to remain faithful disciples of Jesus Christ when we face chaos, division, injustice, and hardship.
We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the Body of Christ in a broken and hurting world. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" UMH 66

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S INVITE

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 34:4-6,9-12 NRSV, p. 151

ANTHEM "They Need to Hear It From You" Don Blackley &
Charter Members Men's Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist Patti Drennan

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with pride, quarreling, and divisiveness. Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Receive this good news: God, who tests our hearts, gives us abundant grace to turn from sin and back to God again and again and again. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

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 "Our Father" Craig Courtney

***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** "Lord, Speak to Me" UMH 463

SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 NRSV, p. 835

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

**All are invited to stand in body or spirit*

***HYMN OF MISSION** "Pass It On" UMH 572

Hymn History: The words and music to this hymn were written by Kurt Kaiser. He was born in Chicago in 1934. He studied at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. Kaiser played the piano and organ on radio stations as a teenager. He composed over 300 songs. Kaiser was also an arranger and publisher. He published albums for many artists including Tennessee Ernie Ford, Ethel Waters, Burl Ives and Wayne Newton. He was also the piano accompanist to George Beverly Shea who sang for the Billy Graham Crusades. Kaiser believed in incorporating the style of pop music into hymns to reach the youth about the message of Christ. He co-wrote the Christian musical, Tell It Like It Is, with Ralph Carmichael in 1969. Kaiser lived in Waco, Texas with his wife, Pat, and their four children. He died there in 2018.

***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 "Grand Jeu" Jean Adam Guillain

Call to Worship written by Dr. Lisa Hancock
Opening Prayer Written by Rev. Kaji S. Douša
Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance Adapted from a Prayer of Confession posted on the PCUSA website

Altar Flowers are presented by Johanna & Barry Martin
In Honor of grandson, Garrett Rhys Hadley

To order flowers please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485

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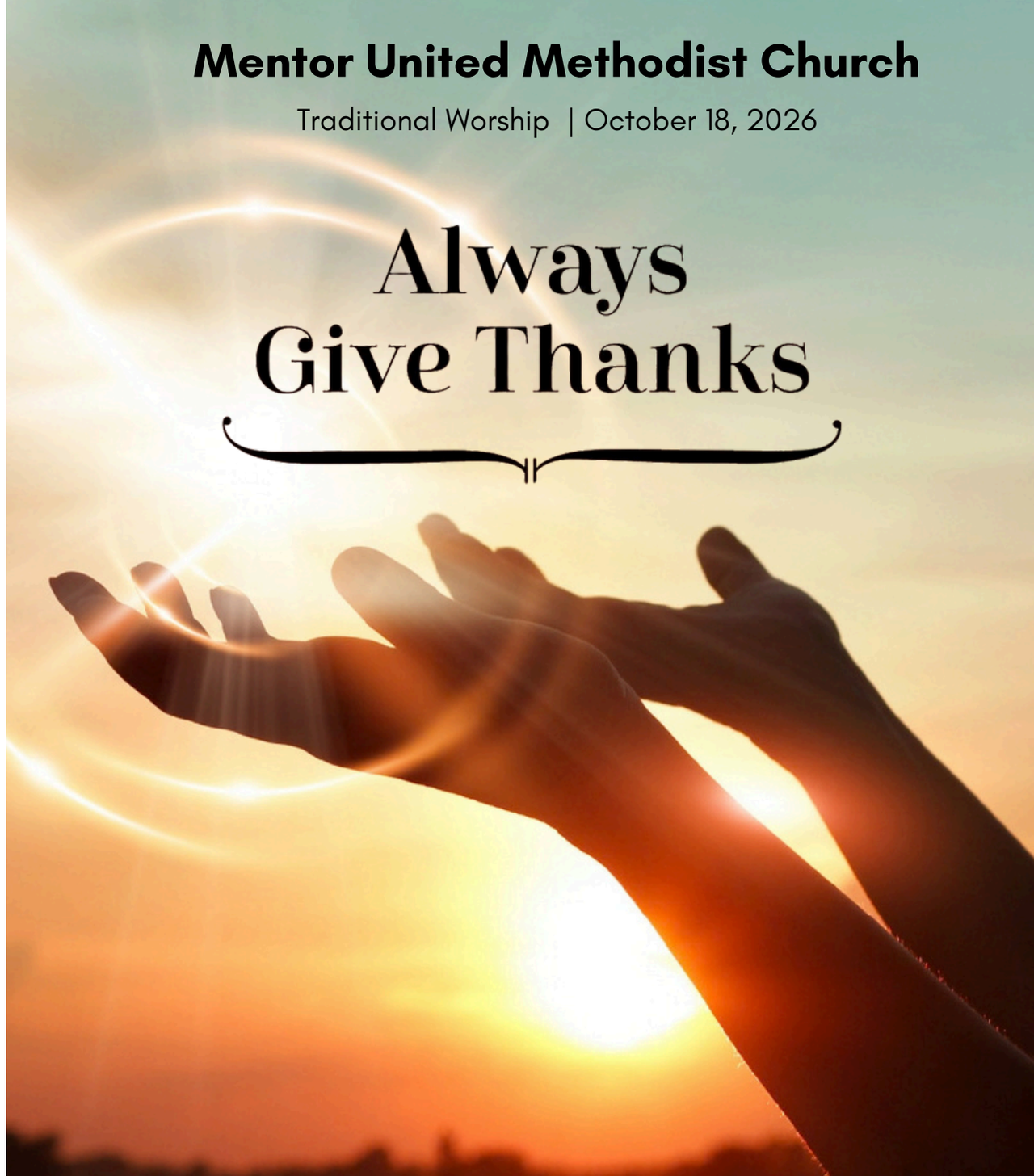

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