

Parkwood UMC Service of Worship
10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2026

† Please stand as you are able.



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Desiree Davis-Omburo

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Adam

Chiming the Trinity

† *Call to Worship*—by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries Rachel Randall
Children of God, some of us come today with songs of joy, rejoicing at all God has done for us.

We come to remember God’s steadfast love and faithfulness.

Some of us come today with songs of mourning in our hearts, feeling the weight of loss, isolation, and loneliness.

We come to remember God’s steadfast love and faithfulness.

Some of us come today with songs of worry and distress, overwhelmed by the troubles and the sufferings of the world.

We come to remember God’s steadfast love and faithfulness.

In our joy, our sorrow, our isolation, and our worry, God is faithful!

We come to sing God’s praises, for in all things, God’s steadfast love and faithfulness never fail. Thanks be to God! Amen.

† *Opening Hymn* “Surely the Presence of the Lord” UMH 328

† *Hymn* “O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go” UMH 480

Prayer for Illumination

Rachel Randall

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Genesis 32:22-31 Adam Waxman

Gospel Reading Matthew 14:13-21

Prayer of Confession—by Rev. Dr. Bob Gross Rachel Randall

God is with us, Christ is present,
the Holy Spirit surrounds us and unites us all.

But we have turned our eyes to the challenges of this life,
lost our focus on God, and are sinking in sin.

We can begin again.

Imagine a new way of being.

We have cast aside our dreams to maintain the familiar.

We have cast aside the dreams of others, fearful of what they might mean.

God loves you,
Christ will lift you from the waves of doubt,
and the Holy Spirit will rescue you from currents of insecurity and alienation.
In these moments of quiet reflection, confess to God all that separates you from God and one another.

Offer silent prayers of confession

Assurance of Pardon

Take heart, do not be afraid.

Every one who calls upon God’s name will be saved.

We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

† *Peace of Christ*

The Offering and Song “How Great is Our God” WS 3003



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures high and low.
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Amen.

Doxology

Prayer over the Offering

Sermon “Wrestling a Blessing” Pastor Adam

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The hymn of unending praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Words of Institution from Pastor

†*Receiving the Bread and Cup of Christ*

Prayer After Communion (In Unison)

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

†***Closing Song*** "God Be with You till We Meet Again"

UMH 672

†***Benediction***

†***Chiming the Trinity***

†***Postlude***

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Annette Gandy Fortt, "Jacob and the Angel"

Wrestling a Blessing

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