

Parkwood UMC Service of Worship
Homecoming Sunday
October 11, 2026

† Please stand as you are able.



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Sign-In and Out Log
Desiree Davis-Omburo

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Adam

Chiming the Trinity

† *Call to Worship*—based on *Philippians 4:1-9*

Friends, we have much to be thankful for on this Homecoming Sunday.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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

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

† *Opening Hymn*

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

UMH 140

The children may leave with volunteers to the nursery after the singing of this hymn.

Prayer for Illumination

Rebecca Turner

Holy Spirit of God, fall afresh on us. In the reading of Your Word, may we receive a Living Word for us today. Still our minds and hearts to hear anew what You wish to say to us this day, and in our hearing, help us to apply it to our lives. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Acts 8:14-25

Herb Schwarze

Epistle Reading

Philippians 4:4-9

† *Hymn*

“Spirit of the Living God”

UMH 393

Prayer of Confession

Rebecca Turner

You invite us to your feast, O God, and we do not come. You beg us to give thanks for life, and we fail in our thanksgiving. We are grateful for the life together we’ve experienced here at Parkwood and for the ways You’ve been at work among us, and yet we confess we’ve been in this for ourselves and we have failed to love one another and love our neighbors, in the ways You have loved us. Forgive us, Lord. Grant us forgiveness, and in receiving Your grace, may you renew and empower us to love You, love one another, love our neighbors here in Parkwood, and even extend that love to creation. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Silence Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Rebecca Turner

Friends, hear this good news: when we strayed from God’s love, when we failed to love one another and our neighbors well, God’s love never ceased or wavered for us. When we fail, God is still faithful. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven.

† *Peace of Christ*

The Offering and Song

“Wade in the Water”

TFWS 2107



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

“God Can’t Be Bought”

Rev. Anita Taylor

Hymn

“Come Ye Sinners to the Gospel Feast”

UMH 339

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)

Rebecca Turner

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***

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

UMH 399

†***Benediction***

†***Chiming the Trinity***

†***Postlude***

There is a potluck lunch immediately following this service. All are welcome.

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