

Parkwood United Methodist Church

Service of Worship

Laity Sunday

October 18, 2026

*Please stand or remain seated as you are able.

Prelude	Horn Solo	Bob Newlin, Jr.
Welcome and Announcements		Rosemary Marlowe
Mission Moment		Mike Marlowe
Chiming the Trinity		

Psalter		
Psalm 100, UMH 821, with sung responses		Jan Schwarze

*Call to Worship , written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries		Chris Bender
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We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
Grounded in love, we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

The Spirit empowers us to live as imitators of Christ in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

Grounded in love, we belong to God, and through God, we learn to love one another.

The Spirit inspires us to receive God's word with joy in a world that rejects the good news.

Grounded in love, we belong to God, and through God, we live in joy with one another.

Come, let us worship in the assurance of God's love that chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the family of Christ.

We come to worship God in the assurance that we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another. Amen.

*Opening Hymn	"For the Beauty of the Earth"	UMH 92
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Young Disciples Time		Autumn Boyer
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The young disciples may come forward and, following their time together, may proceed with volunteers to the nursery.

*Hymn	"Wonderful Words of Life"	UMH 600
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Prayer for Illumination

Chris Bender

Our Heavenly Father, please open our hearts and minds to your word that we will hear with joy what you say to us today. Help us to respond in faith. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:38-42

Jan Schwarze

New Testament Readings

Ephesians 2:8-10 and 4:31-5:2

Philippians 2:1-11

Prayer of Confession, adapted from Amy Loving, The Worship Closet

Chris Bender

God of Abundant Grace, we know that you have chosen us, but we often forget that you have also chosen others. You call us to imitate Christ in our lives, yet many times we choose to imitate the world. You challenge us to turn away from our idols, but we are tempted to turn back to them. Save us, Lord, from ourselves. Show us your way. Guide our every action, that we may live as you are calling us to live. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance, adapted from Amy Loving, The Worship Closet

Chris Bender

Beloved children of God, receive this good news. God loves us; God chooses us; God forgives us; God renews us. Let us live in love and in service of God and our neighbor. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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Glory to God! Amen.

***Peace of Christ**

The Offering and Song

Horn Solo

Bob Newlin, Jr.

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.

Prayer over the Offering

Sermon

Rosemary Marlowe

Prayers of the People

Rebecca Turner and Pastor Adam

If you have a joy or concern you would like to lift up, please raise your hand and a mic will be brought to you.

***Closing Song**

“Here I Am, Lord”

UMH 593***Benediction**

Pastor Adam

Chiming the Trinity**Postlude**

Desiree Davis-Omburo