

Parkwood UMC Service of Worship
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 2026

† Please stand as you are able.



**QR Code for Nursery
Sign-In and Out Log**
Desiree Davis-Omburo

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Adam

Chiming the Trinity

† **Call to Worship**—based on Psalm 90:1-6

Sarah Bender

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

In you, we come home—to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved. We dwell in you.

Before the mountains were born, before you delivered the whole world, from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

In you, we are home—we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice. We dwell in you.

† **Opening Hymn**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

UMH 400

† **Hymn**

“Everlasting God”

WS 3021

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

Prayer for Illumination

Sarah Bender

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

Matthew 22:34-46

Adam Waxman

Prayer of Confession

Sarah Bender

Lord, we confess, we do not live as those worthy to be entrusted with the good news of your grace; we relate to others callously as though we do not trust that gospel ourselves; we seek to please and manipulate, using flattery to gain praise and distinction; we use condescension as a mask to cover insecurity or a need for power. Our motives are mixed, impure. Lord, reassure and cleanse us, in Jesus name. Amen.

Silence Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Sarah Bender

Friends, believe again the gospel, that in Christ we are accepted as we are. Believe that we are forgiven, loved with the delight of a nursing mother cherishing her child. Believe that we are the church, the Body of Christ, called to love one another as gentle children of God.

† **Peace of Christ**

The Offering and Song

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

UMH 402



**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

“I Wanna Know What Love Is”

Pastor Adam

Prayers of the People

At this time, 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**

“Build Your Kingdom Here” (PP)

† **Benediction**

† **Chiming the Trinity**

† **Postlude**