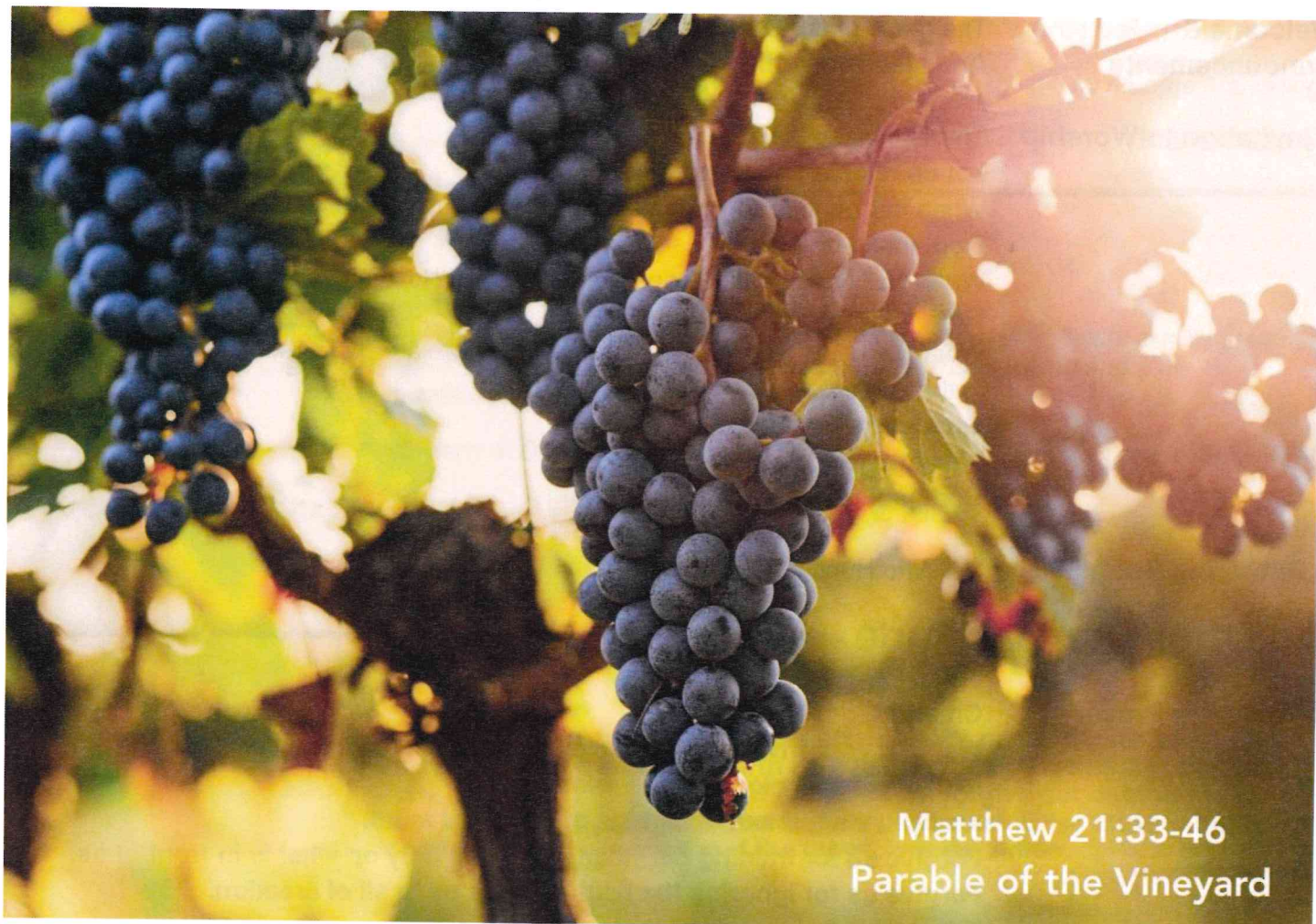


United Presbyterian Church

October 4, 2026

World Communion



Matthew 21:33-46
Parable of the Vineyard

"It's not so much what we have in this life that matters. It's what we do with what we have. The alphabet is fine, but it's what we do with it that matters most. Making words like 'friend' and 'love.' That's what really matters."

—Fred Rogers

Sunday Worship

10:00 am

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

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We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

"30 Pieces for Small Organ No. 2"

by Hugo Distler

You are invited to make the transition from getting here to being here. Be still and know that God is God.

We are claimed by Christ in the waters of baptism; the light of Christ shines in our lives and in the world.

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

+ Invitation to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

When the world is full of division, and it's hard to love our neighbor,

God, make us one.

When walls and borders separate us, and we close ourselves off to others,

God, make us one.

When we come together, and are reminded we are part of something bigger
than ourselves,

God, make us one.

When we join together at this table,

God, make us one.

+ Gathering Song 509

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

We Offer Our Gratitude

Community Prayer

Creator God,

We hear your invitation to love our neighbors as ourselves,

to live like we belong to one another.

And yet, what is out of sight is often out of mind.

Forgive us for training our hearts to focus only on what is in front of us.

Forgive us for ignoring the tie that binds us to all of creation.

Forgive us for assuming that you being with us

means you can't be with others too.

Our gaze has been too narrow.

Open our hearts.

Expand our understanding.

Help us to celebrate the many places you are present in this world.

Remind us of the ties that bind us to all of creation.

With hope in our hearts we pray, amen.

Silent prayer and reflection

Sung Response 698

"Take, O Take Me as I Am"

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

As you are willing and able, please greet one another with signs of peace.

We Listen & Receive

Time with Children

*Children of all ages are invited to come forward.
Nursery and Children's Worship info is on the back of the bulletin.*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:33-46
This is the gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

by George Matterling

Sermon

"Mine, Mine, Mine"

Brandon Lewis

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn 401

"Here in This Place"

Invitation to Give

We are grateful for your sharing part of your Sunday with us, and for the gifts of time, talent and treasure that you share. Offering boxes are at the rear of the sanctuary for those willing and able to help support the ministry of this congregation.

Offertory

"Voluntary in D Minor"

by Hugo Distler

+ Presentation of Gifts & Hymn 48

"Rain Down"

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table
Prayer of Thanksgiving
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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Communion of the People

We serve both wine and grape juice. The wine is in the blue-colored chalices, and the white grape juice is in the beige-colored chalices. Both are offered for your comfort and participation.

As we receive communion by intinction, please exit your pew to your left, receive a piece of bread from one of the stations, dip it in the cup, and partake of both elements together. If you are unable to come forward, we will gladly bring communion to you.

Communion Hymn 472 "Kum ba Yah"
Prayer

We Are Sent in God's Love

+ Closing Hymn 300

"We Are One in the Spirit"

+ Benediction

+ Benediction Song

"Go with God"

Welcome

We are delighted that you have added to the joy of worship this morning at United Presbyterian Church. We proclaim that ALL people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person is a beloved child of God, worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome all, celebrating our differences while finding unity in Jesus Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey - whatever grief, joy, or doubts you may bring today—you are welcome here.

Announcements

October's Shopping Cart Mission: Our mission this month is for **Fish of Albany Food Drive**. The items will be listed in the New Happenings slides. Please only donate non-perishable items into the shopping cart next to the elevator. **Check that the dates are current. We can not accept outdated or opened containers of any kind. Thank you for generously helping others.**

Upcoming Events

Sunday 10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	October 4 Worship Diana Vezmar-Bailey Spiritual Group
Tuesday 10:00 a.m.	October 6 Sabbath Circle Book Study
Wednesday 5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	October 7 Family Aging Support Group Youth Group Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	October 8 Yoga Women's Book Study PEO Group Linn Benton Food Share

Serving Today

Thank you to all who served in worship today.

Liturgist — Peter Troedsson

Ushers —Retha Larson, Kathy Hawthorne, Nancy and Bill Strohlein

Coffee Hour—Gathering Committee

Children's Programs—Logan Breese, Aleena Chapell, Denise Alejandre and Hillary Lewis.

Children's Programs

We are thrilled that you have chosen to bring your family to worship with ours! We believe children soak up the love of God even when they draw and color, read and create, or rest their head in your lap. Please feel welcome to visit our Children's Space located in the Round Room in the back of the sanctuary.

Children's Nursery (Age 0 – 4 yrs)

This is open for infants to 4 years old. In this age, we help guide these curious minds in play and encourage exploration in their environment.

Godly Play (Age 5 – 9 yrs)

Godly play is for children 5 - 9 years old. This is where the children learn about God through stories and explore their own thoughts by having free choice of activities that include a variety of crafts, art, song, and games.

Creative Minds (10 yrs +)

This program is for the youth 10 years old and up. Creative minds uses a combination of technology, art media, games, and service projects to explore our relationship with God, and to encourage one another to grow in our faith, spirituality, and community.

Local Outreach / Ways to Serve

Linn Benton Food Share—Packing boxes of food for families who suffer from food insecurities. The next time will be **Thursday, October 8th at 5:00 - 7:00 pm** at the Linn Benton Food Share Warehouse, 33900 Looney Ln., Tangent, OR 97389.

Prayers & Praise

Please send prayers of comfort and healing for:

Greg and Linda Anable

Beverly Beckendorf and her daughter, Emily

Nancy Goode

Nancy Lochner

Linda Kleven

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Janice Lyayuka, Director of Music

Andrea Recek, Pianist

Tao Li, Organist

Logan Breese and Greg Sutton, Bus Drivers