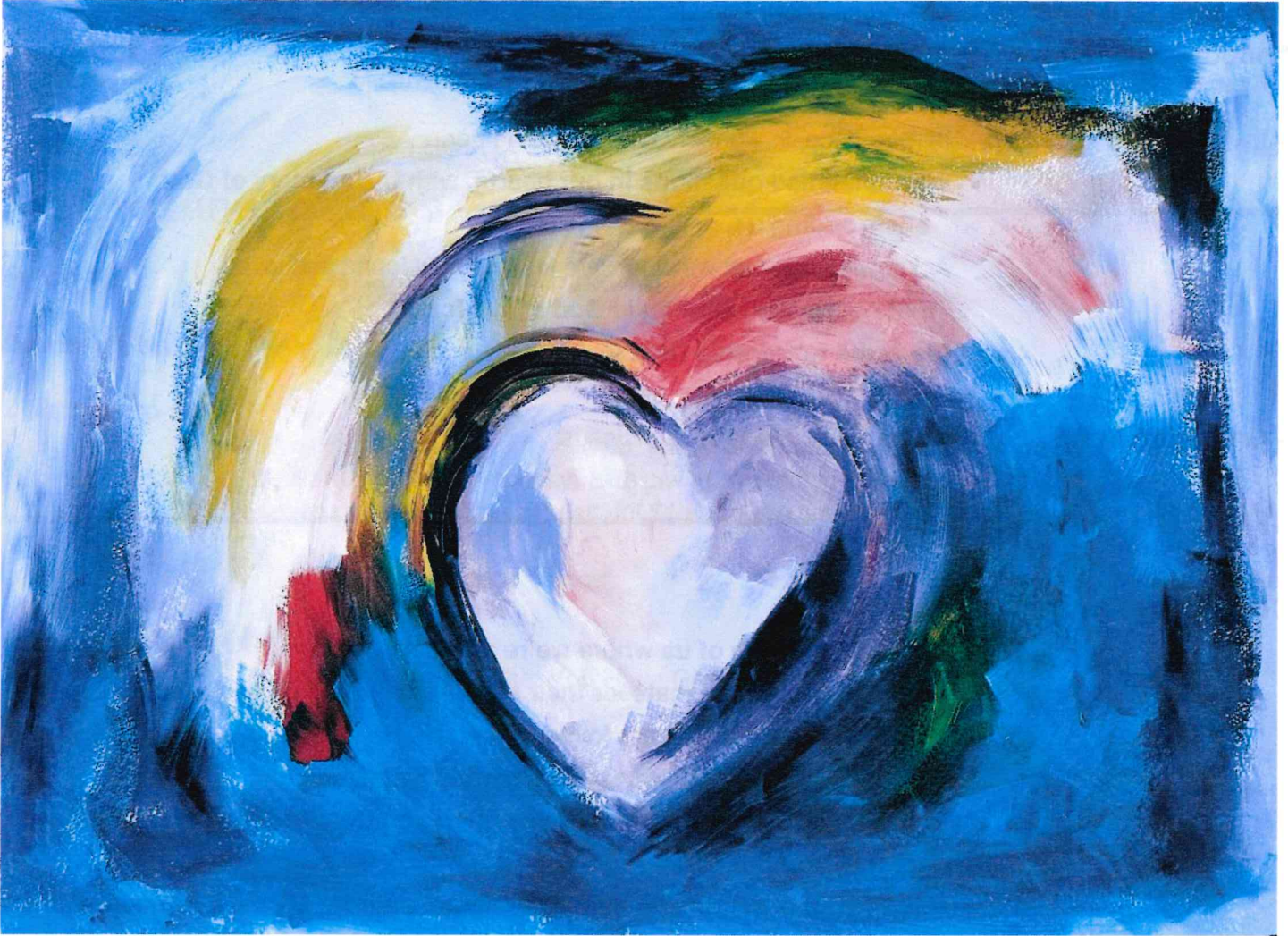


United Presbyterian Church

August 16, 2026

12th Sunday after Pentecost



"We do not draw people to Christ by discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it."

~Madeleine L'Engle

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

"Equestrians"

by Michael Mauldin

*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**

In reverence, in wonder, in hope, we gather.

**With unsettled questions in our hearts, with the mystery of God
enshrouding us,**

Acknowledging that we who were lost are now found and loved,

that new every morning is God's love for us,**We come to worship God.****+ Gathering Song**

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

We Offer Our Gratitude

Community Prayer

Gracious God,

Rich Sipe

Please meet each of us where we're at today.**Enfold our hearts—whatever their state—reminding us you are here,
reminding us that we are loved.****We thank you, God, that we don't need to be perfect.****Your grace is deeper; your love stronger; your forgiveness broader than
we understand.****Uncurl your strength and beauty within us until we become more like
you and show it in the things we do and say.****Make us instruments of your love today.****Amen.***Silent prayer and reflection***Sung Response 452**

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

**+ 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

Acts 16:9-15
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Misericordia" *by J. Reese Norris*

Sermon

"Open Heart" Brandon Lewis

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn 462

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Moment Stewardship

Erica Reid

Invitation to Give

*We are grateful for the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that you share.
We offer each person an opportunity to connect with giving by placing at least one \$1 in the offering plate.
As we give faithfully, each faithful \$1 will bless the ministry of UPC.*

Offertory

"Commonplace Things" *by Tom Fettke*

+ Presentation of Gifts & Hymn 717

"For the Life That You Have Given"

Sharing Joys & Concerns

*At the conclusion of spoken joys and concerns, let us pray together:
God, in your grace,
Hear our prayer.*

Prayers of the People & 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.

We Are Sent in God's Love

+ Closing Song 697

"Take My Life"

+ Benediction

Postlude

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" *by Kathleen Thomerson*

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

August's Shopping Cart Mission: Our mission again this month is for the **The Children's Place**. They have made out their wish list with a QR code so watch for all the items they listed on the slides this morning. Please place the items in the shopping cart next to the elevator. **Thank you!!!**

Upcoming Events

Sunday	Aug. 16
10:00 a.m.	Worship
11:30 a.m.	Session Meeting
Monday	Aug. 17
6:00 p.m.	ACT Practice
Tuesday	Aug. 18
6:00 p.m.	ACT Practice
Wednesday	Aug. 19
6:00 p.m.	ACT Practice
Thursday	Aug. 20
6:00 p.m.	ACT Practice

Serving Today

Thank you to all who served in worship today.

Liturgist — Rich Sipe

Ushers — Linda Cameron, Elaine Chapman, Billie Jo Cruzan and Harry Kelley

Coffee Hour—Deacons

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

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, August 20th 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
Bill Looney*

CHURCH STAFF

Brandon Lewis, *Pastor*

Tami Van Ras, *Pastoral Assistant*

Sienna Bogart, *Director of The Children's Place*

Meredith Hanson, *Children's Ministries Director*

Deborah Beier, *Office Manager*

Kason Stevens, *Facilities-Manager*

Andrea Recek, *Pianist*

Tao Li, *Organist*

Logan Breese and Greg Sutton, *Bus Drivers*