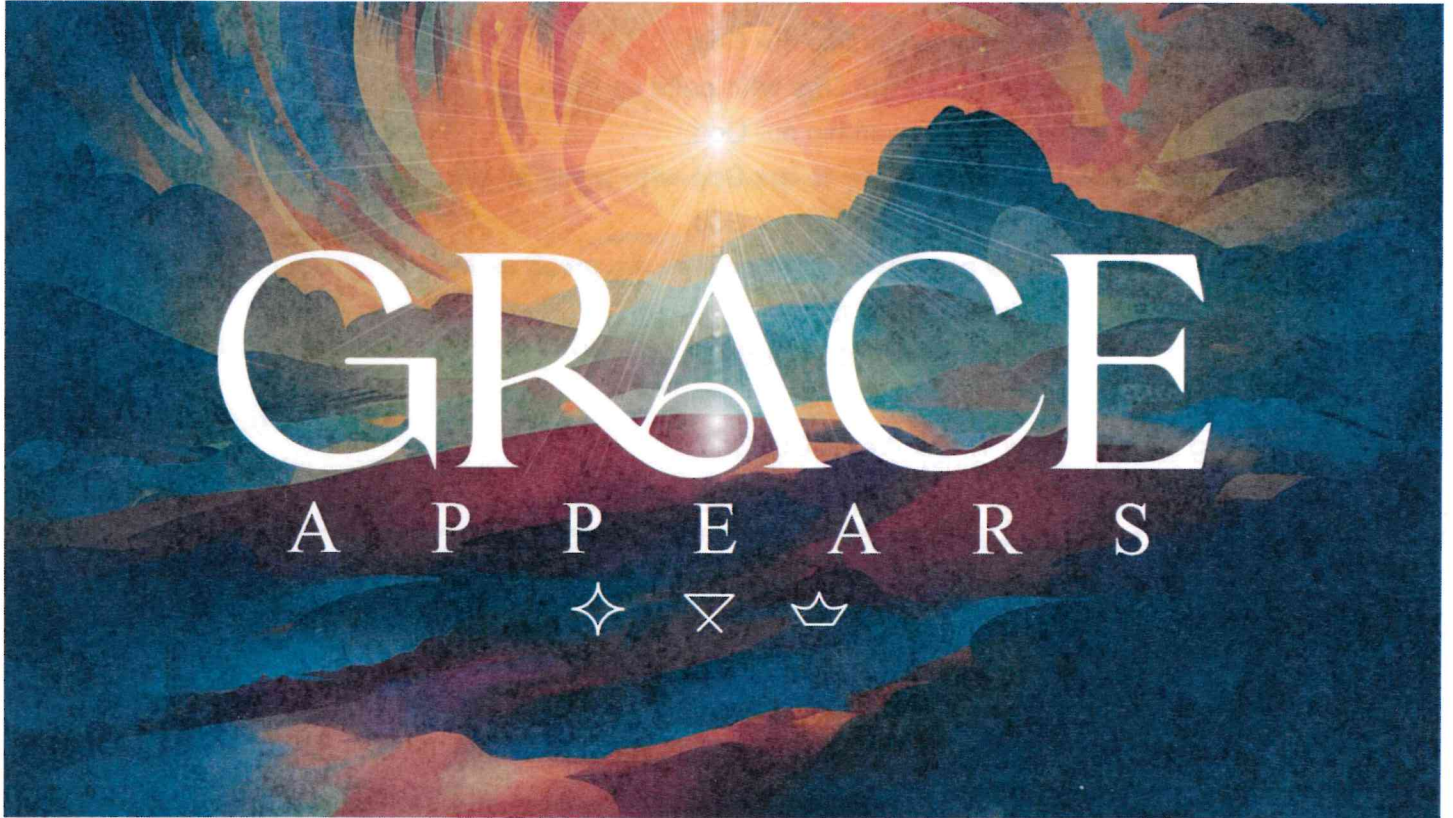


United Presbyterian Church

September 20, 2026

17th Sunday after Pentecost



"We don't think of our flaws as the glue that binds us to the people we love, but they are.
Grace only sticks to our imperfections. Those who can't accept their imperfections can't accept grace either."
~Donald Miller

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

"Simple Gifts"

arr. Cindy Berry

*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

We come to worship our God,
to listen to the One who calls us here.
We come to worship our God,
to sing with joy to the One who loves all people.
We come to worship our God,
to be nourished by the One who gives us life.
So draw near by faith,
and let us worship God.

+ Gathering Song 643

"Now Thank We All Our God"

We Offer Our Gratitude

Community Prayer

Merciful God,
our lives do not always reflect your transforming power.
You are gracious, but we cling to judgment.
You are kind, but we can be cruel.
You are forgiving, but we nurse grudges and old wounds.
Forgive us.
Show us your ways. Guide our steps.
Help us to see the world in new ways.
Help us to think deeply, and respond generously,
as you have loved us deeply and forgiven us generously.
Amen.

Silent prayer and reflection

Sung Response 466

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

+ 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

Titus 2:1-15
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"We Are a Church" *by Jay Althouse*

Sermon

"We're Only Human" Brandon Lewis

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn 649

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

Ordination and Installation of New Officers

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

"How Beautiful" *by Twila Paris*

+ Presentation of Gifts & Hymn 710

"We Lift Our Voices"

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 192

"Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining"

+ Benediction

Postlude

"11:00 a.m. Bee Music" *by Jeanine Yeager*

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

September's Shopping Cart Mission: Our mission this month is for the **Family Tree Relief Nursery**. They are mostly in need of Size 4+ diapers, pull-ups for boys & girls, and baby wipes. More items will be listed in the New Happenings slides. Please drop your donations into the shopping cart next to the elevator. **Thank you!!!**

Upcoming Events

Sunday	Sept. 20
10:00 a.m.	Worship
11:30 a.m.	Deacon Meeting
11:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Tuesday	Sept. 22
10:00 a.m.	Sabbath Circle Book Study
Wednesday	Sept. 23
5:30 p.m.	Youth Group
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	Sept. 24
9:00 a.m.	LOLA Mission
11:30 a.m.	Yoga
1:00 p.m.	Women's Book Study
5:00 p.m.	Linn-Benton Food Share

Serving Today

Thank you to all who served in worship today.

Liturgist — Rich Isted

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

Coffee Hour—Deacons

Children's Programs— Meredith Hanson, Anna Cole, Erica Reid, Logan Breese, Aleena Chappell and Denise Alejandre.

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, September 24th 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*

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*

Janice Lyayuka, *Director of Music*

Andrea Recek, *Pianist*

Tao Li, *Organist*

Logan Breese and Greg Sutton, *Bus Drivers*