

United Presbyterian Church

October 11, 2026

20th Sunday after Pentecost



"We're already in the presence of God. What's absent is awareness." ~Richard Rohr

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

"Doxology"

by Louis Bourgeois, arr. Victor Labenske

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 new every morning is God's love for us.

Let's worship God together!

+ Gathering Song 14

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

We Offer Our Gratitude

Community Prayer

Holy God,

we know that in so many ways we have run from you,

we have ignored your call,

we have closed our eyes to your presence,

we have disbelieved your mercy,

we have disregarded your words,

we have belittled ourselves,

we have forsaken others.

So we ask, once again, for your forgiveness.

As you offer again your invitation to know your love,

and to be loved,

may we turn away from what is wrong and hurtful

to what is bright and life-giving.

In remembering your loving presence and hearing your voice

may we find our place within your creation.

Amen.

Silent prayer and reflection

Sung Response 743

"O God, You Are My God"

+ 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

Exodus 3:1-15
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Witness" *by Jack Halloran*

Sermon

"Sometimes We Need to Be Startled" *Brandon Lewis*

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn 406

"We Are Standing on Holy Ground"

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

"I Long for You, My God" *by Carol Dick, arr. Kevin Keil*

+ 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 for evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

We Are Sent in God's Love

+ Closing Hymn 69

"Here I am Lord"

+ Benediction

Postlude

"God of Wonders" *by Steve Hindalong and Marc Byrd, arr. Rick Modlin*

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 expired or opened containers of any kind. Thank you for generously helping others.**

Upcoming Events

Sunday 10:00 a.m. 11:15 p.m.	October 11 Worship Chili Cookoff / Bingo in Booth Hall
Monday 11:30 a.m.	October 12 Yoga
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	October 13 Sabbath Circle Book Study Stewardship Committee Meeting
Wednesday 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	October 14 Youth Group Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 1:00 p.m.	October 15 Women's Book Study

Serving Today

Thank you to all who served in worship today.

Liturgist — Tami Van Ras

Ushers —Carol Harrison, Roger Kroening, Sue Van Meter and Sharon Lichti

Coffee Hour—Deacons

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

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, TBD 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

Joanne Rea

CHURCH STAFF

Brandon Lewis, *Pastor*

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