

October 18, 2026

Order of Worship

10:00 am

An asterisk () indicates times when you are invited to stand. Selections in **BOLD** are responses spoken by the congregation.*

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Ellis Miller

Prelude

Bread of Life, Living Water
Annette W. Dickman & Danielle Isaacson

Laura Murach

Call to Worship

Deacon Gail Pillow

Deacon: At the waters of baptism, we are welcomed into the family of God.

**All: We are many, and we belong to one another
as one body of Christ.**

The apostle Paul reminds us that a body is made of many members,
each with gifts to share.

**Everyone is important. No one stands alone.
We need each other.**

With our different gifts, our different stories, and our different callings,
we come together as God's church.

**May we be a community where every person is valued,
every gift is welcomed, and every promise is lived.
Let us worship the God who makes us one!**

*Hymn

They'll Know We Are Christians

BLUE Chalice 494

*Morning Prayer

**God of many gifts, we are grateful for the beautiful diversity of your people.
For the hands that serve, the voices that encourage, the hearts that listen,
and the gifts that sustain our community, we give you thanks. May we be
members of your body, connected by love: may we cherish one another and
celebrate all the ways we make your church whole. Amen!**

Passing the Peace

Leader: Let us feel God's presence in our midst as we say to one another,
"Peace be with you."

People: "And also with you."

You are invited to share words of welcome and peace with those around you.

Message for All Ages

Sarah Pradhan

At this time, Deacons collect Joy and Concern cards.

Children pre-K to 5th grade are invited to Sunday School class at this time.

Prayer of Illumination

Deacon Bob Giles

*This prayer prepares us to hear the Sacred story, listening with our collective wisdom,
experience, and faith so that we might near the meaning it has for our lives today.*

Spirit of the Living God, turn on the light of truth and wake up our hearts
by the Word we now declare and ponder.

**In ancient pages let us find fresh life, fresh hope,
and fresh courage for witness in your world.**

Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Sermon

“Body Arrangements”

Pastor Ellis Miller

Choir Anthem

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho
Russell Anderson

GCC Choir

Prayers of the People for the World

A time to pray our joys & concerns for each other, our neighbors, and the world.

Pastoral Prayer & Silent Prayer

Pastor Ellis Miller

The Lord's Prayer

Pray using the words most familiar to you

***O Holy One, 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen. *(Creator/Our Father)**

Stewardship Testimony

Alex Bordonaro

Prayer of Commitment

God of community, you have called us to be more than individuals gathered in one place. You have made us, each with gifts to share and promises to keep. Help us offer our time, our talents, our resources, and our presence so that every part of this community can flourish. Together, may we be the body of Christ, living out our promises for one another and for generations to come. Amen!

***Hymn**

Take My Gifts

BLUE Chalice 381

***Benediction**

Pastor Ellis Miller

***Benediction Response** *Blessed Be The Tie That Binds v1 & v4*

Black NCH 393

**Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The sharing of a common life is like to that above.**

**When we are called to part it gives us inward pain,
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.**

Postlude

Postlude for a Special Occasion
Robert Roesch

Laura Murach

*Let us follow the light of Christ into the world,
carrying God's love wherever the Spirit sends us.*