

Celebrate

Get Creative

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 12, 2025



First
Church

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We Gather

Prelude

"This Is Who We Are" vs 9-12, see insert

Welcome & Lighting of Candles

Song

"The Kingdom Of The Lord Is Here "

Centering Words

Leader: The world needs to change, a lot. There are so many things that need change,

People: and we can get overwhelmed,

Leader: especially if we think that we need to make all of the change by ourselves. We need to remember that God is already at work.

People: God has been, and always will be, doing a new thing.

Leader: We are called to show up and cooperate with what God is doing! We are the changemakers, and we are being made ready!

People: May we be changed by this time of worship!

Opening Prayer

We Proclaim

The Message to Young Disciples

The Gospel Lesson

Mark 14:3-9

While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, 'Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.' And they scolded her. But Jesus said, 'Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.'

Leader: The Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS

CONCERNS SHARED

GINNY DIENHART
MACE WILLIAMS
EMILY & JANE, NIECE
& FRIEND OF MARY MAXINE
DOROTHEA GOOLD
ALL IN NEED OF PRAYERS

THOSE IN MEMORY CARE

JACK GAUNT PAT STAVER

OUR MILITARY

CDR JAMES BEATY
SMAN KEVIN CLUTE
LTC KEVIN FIELD
HM2 KIM FOUNTAIN
AWR1 ISAIAH HALE
MSG ANTHONY MAURO
SMAN BEN RIDINGS
LCDR ALEX TURCO
TSGT GERALD WELKER

WORSHIP TEAM

AUDIO 1

EVORA SCHELLINGERHOUT

AUDIO 2

RILEY SCHELLINGERHOUT

CG OPERATOR

BRIAN MARTIN

CG CREATION

KORY PRITCHETT

PIANO

SCOTT HINES

ACOUSTIC GUITAR

KORY PRITCHETT

NICK CLINKENBEARD

BASS GUITAR

BECCA PRITCHETT

KEYS

ELLA ROBYNE

PIANO

CHARIS VANDER PLAATS

VOCAL

KAREN HULL

LEAD PASTOR

DUANE CARLISLE

ASSISTANT PASTOR

KORY PRITCHETT

The Message

Kristina Sinks

A Story About Creativity

*We are a gentle, angry people
and we are singing, singing for our lives
We are a gentle, angry people
and we are singing, singing for our lives*

Ritual Offering

A Story About Imagination

*We are a justice-seeking people
and we are singing, singing for our lives*

A Story About Justice

*We are a land of many colors
and we are singing, singing for our lives
We are a land of many colors
and we are singing, singing for our lives*

The Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

A Story About Resistance

Anointing

"Break Our Hearts Again" - Paul Demer

We Respond

Sharing the Peace of Christ

We Go Forth

Song

"Tear Down the Walls" on back

The Benediction

"Dance With a Stranger" see insert

Tear Down The Walls

by Hannah Rand and Lenora Rand

Chorus 1

Tear down the walls Tear down the walls
Tear down the walls between us
(REPEAT)

Verse 1

The clenched fist the cordoned off heart
The border lines always keeping us apart
The crossed arms the closed up ears
The long high fence always keeping us in fear

Verse 2

The downcast eyes the hard grip of hate
The words we shout and the words we do not say
The slow burn the anger we feed
Scarring souls with the lies that we keep

Bridge 1

We bring the wood the iron the concrete the fire
We build these walls every day
We carry the hurt the fear the shame and the tears
Our beautiful barricade
These walls we hate them
But these walls we make them
These walls it's time to break them

Ending 1

So I can see you
So you can see me too

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**My RSUP to the FUMC Consecration meal on Sunday,
October 19 after 11:00 AM service.**

Name _____

Total number of family members attending _____

Please place in the offering plate

Verses 9-10
Communion 11-12

I Peter 2: 4-10
and other scriptures

This is Who We Are

For the people called Methodist

Composer Daniel T. Howell
Arr. Charis Vander Plaats
2020, rev. 2022

C xxx F G C

9. This is a day— to reach out where there are needs. This is a day
10. This is a day— to be glad for who we are.— This is a day
11. This is a day— when we share the bread and cup. This is a day
12. This is a day— for the feast Christ bids us make. This is a day

5 xxx F Gsus G F

— to move where the Spir - it leads. Serv - ing God (serv - ing
— to give thanks for whose we are.— Lov - ing God, (lov - ing
— when the cross is lift - ed up.— Christ has died, (Christ has
— for the bread and wine we take... Join the saints (join the

10 Dm Em Am Dm G

God_ faith - ful - ly_ (faith - ful - ly) Build - ing Christ's (build - ing Christ's) com - mun - i -
God)_ neigh - bor too, (neigh - bor too) Joy in Christ (joy in Christ) shine out from
died)_ Christ is raised. (Christ is raised) May his name (may his name) be ev - er
saints) grate - ful - ly. (grate - ful - ly) Come with joy, (come with joy) for - giv - en,

15 C F G C D.C. F G C

-ty. (com - mun - i - ty) This is who we are.
you. (shine out from you) This is who we are.
praised. (be ev - er praised) This is who we are.
free. (for - giv - en, free)_ This is who we are. This is who we are.

The Kingdom Of The Lord Is Here

by Brian Schroeder

Verse 1

The kingdom of the Lord is here
Come gather all from far and near
Awake your mind and have no fear
God's arms are open wide
No armored guards protect its gates
No tangled chains or judgment weights
Just free your blessed heart from hate
And human come inside

Verse 2

Here enemies stand side-by-side
By truth and justice unified
It's growing where the old one died
Where any wound is healed
Here earthly cries are not ignored
It blooms and lives forevermore
In places that our hands restored
By selfless love revealed

Verse 3

Where kindness overcomes the mean
Where love is like the morning's gleam
And peace an ever-flowing stream
The kingdom lives today
Where love and understanding's learned
Where prejudice is left to burn
Oppression's tables overturned
O God show us the way

Verse 4

Your kingdom come your will be done
May we sustain what you've begun
Til all creation is made one
O Jesus lead us on
The kingdom of the Lord is here
The evening clouds begin to clear
The morning sun will soon appear
Come and reveal the dawn

Find someone's eyes that are new to you
Might be a child's or a grandfather's
Anyone will do

Go say "Hello", "How do you do?"
Listen to their answer, commiserate
Say "I feel that way sometimes too"
And "Would you like to dance?"
And if they say "No" that's okay
But if they say "yes", take their hand
Lead them out on the dance floor
Listen to the music play
Open up your whole heart
And dance

Dance with a stranger
Til they're not a stranger anymore
You just dance

Dance with a stranger
Til they're not a stranger
Not a stranger anymore
(Left, right, front, side
Find somebody new and then
Take them by the hand
And say you understand)

Look around the room
There are so many people here like you
People who came here to be together
And dance it all away
Who wanna be good and love one another
And have big dreams, hard times and like to dance
Look around the room

Find somebody you've never seen before
And lead them out to the dance floor
And dance

Dance with a stranger
Til they're not a stranger anymore
You just dance

Dance with a stranger
Til they're not a stranger
Not a stranger anymore
(Left, right, front, side
Find somebody new and then
Take them by the hand
And say you understand)

Oh dance

Dance with a stranger
Til they're not a stranger anymore
You just dance
Dance with a stranger
Til they're not a stranger

Dance with a Stranger

(Left, right, front, side
Find somebody new and then
Take them by the hand
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Look around the room