

Let's Love One Another

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026



Replacing "othering" with "neighboring"



11am Service - October 11, 2026

WE GATHER

Welcome

Pastor Duane Carlisle

Prelude

Centering Words

L: Source of Life, in the beginning,

P: you made us and called us beloved.

L: When we forget how to love,

P: you remind us we are beloved.

L: When the powers of the world try to oppress us,

P: you name us beloved.

L: When our siblings in faith condemn us,

**P: you claim us: beloved. We are your beloved, so today we sing your praises,
Source of Love.**

Opening Song

Reckless Love

Opening Prayer

Forgive us when we let our fear sideline us, taking us out of the action that is love. Help us to defy the urge to belittle in order to feel safer or better. Even though it feels like a difficult thing to do, help us to restore—not tear down, help us to serve—not judge, help us to reach out—not pull back, help us to risk reciprocal relationship so that all are less alone and less afraid.

In this moment we ponder those we find difficult to imagine as friends, that we consider “others”...

[a few moments of pause]

... and in this moment we imagine them as neighbors who, like us, have needs and fears and the desire for safety, sustenance, and love.

[a few moments of pause]

Jesus, in your name we pray for ears to hear your command once again— to love as you loved and to be a friend to all. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM

The Message to Young Disciples

The New Testament Lesson

John 15: 12-17

“This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. And you are my friends, if you do what I command you. I no longer speak of you as subordinates, because a subordinate doesn’t know a superior’s business. Instead I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learned from Abba God. It was not you who chose me; it was I who chose you to go forth and bear fruit. Your fruit must endure, so that whatever you ask of Abba God in my name God will give you. This command I give you: that you love one another.”

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

P: Thanks be to God.

The Message

Pastor Duane Carlisle

Message in Music

"Chancel Choir

"Beloved, Let Us Love One Another"

Music by Pepper Choplin

WE RESPOND

The Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Kory Pritchett

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.

Invitation to Generosity

Sharing the Peace of Christ

WE GO FORTH

Belovedness Prayer And Ritual

Trust your belovedness.

Let it be a protest,

an act of resistance,

a song of celebration.

Trust your belovedness in a world

that is rarely satisfied.

Wear it like a badge of honor.

**Speak it as confidently as your last
name.**

Tattoo it to your heart.

When outside forces

chip away at your sense of self,

when life asks you

to hand over the keys,

remember the water.

Remember creation.

Remember how it was good,

so very good.

**Let that truth hum through your
veins.**

Sing it so loud

**that it drowns out the weariness of
the world,**

**for the bravest thing we can ever
do**

is trust that we belong here.

—Rev. Sarah A. Speed

Closing Song

We Are Enough

The Benediction

Pastor Duane Carlisle

The Postlude

Reckless Love

Verse 1

Before I spoke a word You were singing
over me
You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath You breathed Your
life in me
You have been so so kind to me

Chorus 1

(And) O the overwhelming never-ending
reckless
Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending
reckless
Love of God yeah

Verse 2

When I was Your foe still Your love fought
for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth You paid it all for
me
You have been so so kind to me

Misc 1

(Bridge)
There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me

Prayers

Concerns Shared

Diann Pickard (Mother of Todd Pickard)
Larry and Lola Huggins
Margaret Swanson (Aunt of Rebecca
Kaverman)

The family of Martha Alspaugh-Legler
(Grandmother of Amanda Ferguson)
All in need of prayer

Those In Memory Care

Pat Staver

Active Military

To add someone serving in the military, contact info@fumcwl.org.

AWR1 Isaiah Hale
CDR James Beaty

LCDR Alex Turco
PFC Christopher Kuney

Worship Team

Audio/Visual

Livestream:

Dustin Coolman

Slides:

Tom Dienhart

Soundboard:

Isabel Burton

Band

Bass Guitar:

Becca Pritchett

Drums:

Alejandro Alcaraz

Electric Guitar:

Kory Pritchett
Nick Clinkenbeard

Keys:

Ryan Madden

Piano:

Charis Vander Plaats

Saxes:

Hayden Boyer

Vocal:

Amanda Hedden
Charis Vander Plaats
Karen Hull

Pastors

Lead Pastor:

Duane Carlisle

Assistant Pastor:

Kory Pritchett

Worship Leaders

Band Director:

Kory Pritchett

Bell Choir Director:

Kathy Lind

Director of Music and Arts:

Charis Vander Plaats

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AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The Importance of Being Earnest

Join Acorn Players of Lafayette for Oscar Wilde's sparkling comedy, The Importance of Being Earnest, presented October 9, 10, & 16 at 7:30 pm and October 17 at 2:30 pm. First United Methodist Church of West Lafayette. Enjoy witty dialogue, mistaken identities, romantic mischief, and delightful satire in this beloved theatrical classic. Learn more and reserve tickets at acorn-players.org



No Kings: Vote Early Events, October 17

The No Kings: Vote Early events have two objectives: (1) to be visible and and raise awareness by waving signs that encourage early voting, and (2) to empower everyone to make an early voting plan by providing a packet of information about voting. Voting experts will be on site to help answer questions about voting. Five locations in Greater Lafayette (https://www.mobilize.us/nokings/?tag_ids=34126)



Consecration Sunday

Join us Sunday, October 18 as we conclude our Love One Another stewardship season and celebrate the many ways God's love becomes visible through our shared ministries. During worship, we will receive pledge cards representing our commitments for 2027. Following the service, everyone is invited to continue the celebration with a meal and fellowship in the Activities Center.



First Church Foundation Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the First Church Foundation will take place in conjunction with the Consecration Sunday celebration following the 11 o'clock service on October 18 in the Activity Center. Members will vote on amendments to the Foundation Bylaws at this meeting. Copies of the proposed amendments will be available in the church office and in the Narthex.



Governance Board

First Church members are invited to attend Governance Board meetings. Our next one is Monday, October 19, at 7:00 p.m. Come learn about ministries, hear updates, and observe the work guiding our shared life. Contact Governance Board Chair Perry Brown or the pastors with questions.

