CHILDREN AND YOUTH MOMENT
We invite all children and youth to participate in this intergenerational time of learning about Jesus.

Mary Throndson, Children's Teacher & Proclaimer
Christina Cuddy, Youth Teacher

[All] O God, we thank you for blessing us with the gift of young people. May they learn the stories of Jesus. May we share their joy. Amen.

A TIME OF PRAYER

Call to Prayer	Spirit Of The Living God	No. 393
Prayer/Lord's Prayer		
Response	I Love You, Lord	TFWS #2068

SERMON — The Great Commandment

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission		
Offertory	Something Worth Living For	Oldham/Gaither
Doxology/Prayer of Dedication*		

CLOSING HYMN* — Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus — No. 514

BENEDICTION*
[All] May God bless us the courage and the wisdom to respond to division, confusion, injustice, and hardship as imitators of Christ and agents of divine love as we work for the well-being and flourishing of all God's creation today and every day. Amen.

RESPONSE — This Little Light Of Mine — No. 585

POSTLUDE — Rejoice, The Lord Is King — John Darwall

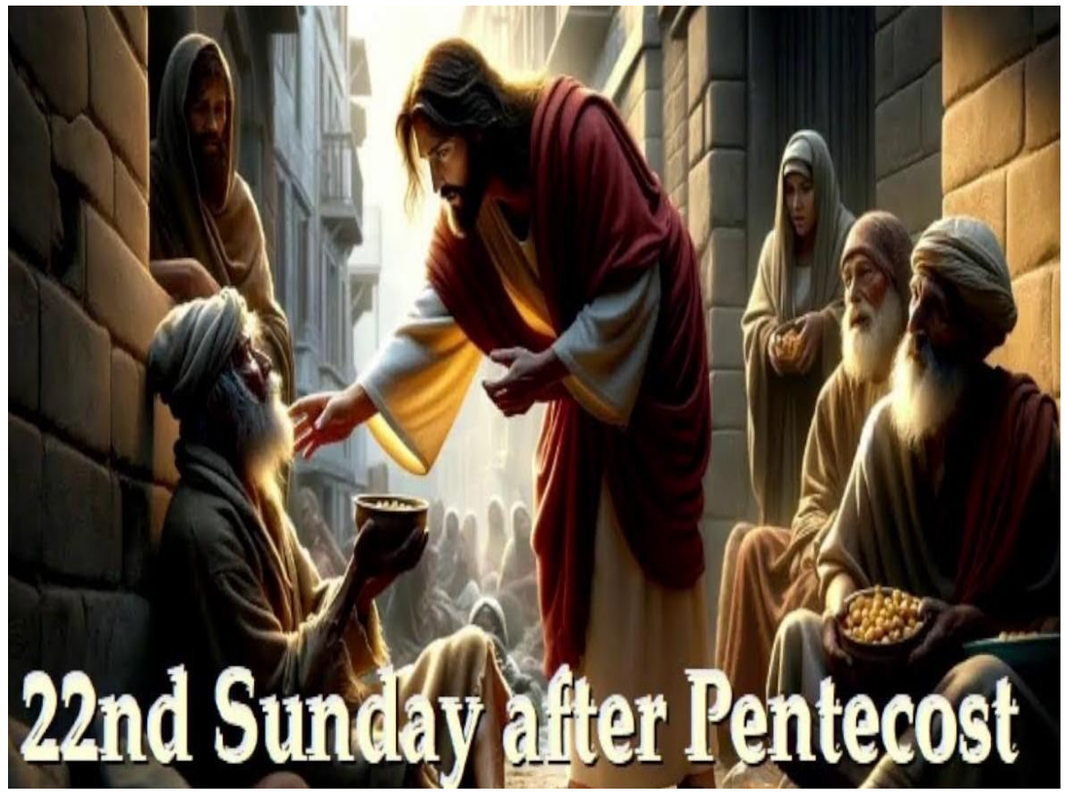
***Assisting in today's service* – Pastors:** Rev. Wesley Thompson.
Liturgist: Rosslyn Clauson, **Organ:** Brad Bettencourt, **Sound Tech:**
Video Tech: Alex Paredes, **Piano/Keyboard:** Dennis Eiler.
Song Leader: Tricia Stewart, **Choir Anthem:** Makiyah Thompson, Fiona Gianneto,
Sacristan: Lorie Ford. **Ushers & Greeters:** Carol & Art Gary, Rose Ann Steiner, Kerren Brown.

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Hope, Joy & Love Rising

October 25, 2026

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors
The People of The United Methodist Church



Informal Order of Service 8:30 a.m.

OPENING PRAISE	We've A Story
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS	
PRAISE SONGS	Good, Good Father Holy Spirit Rain Down Learning To Be The Light
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	
ILLUMINATION	Gratitude
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 22:34-46
SERMON	The Great Commandment
OFFERING	Jesus What A Beautiful Name
COMMUNION SONG	Living Hope
FINAL BLESSING	Through It All
CLOSING	He Is Jehovah

***Assisting in today's service* – Pastors:** Rev. Wesley Thompson.
Liturgist: Deb Bradley, **Praise Team Leader:** Mike Clark.
Acoustic Guitar's: Mike Clark, Deb Bradley, **Piano/Keyboard:** Dennis Eiler.
Bass Guitar: Bob Jorstad, **Vocalists:** Deb Bradley, Connie Clark, Pam Garza.
Drum: Xander Thompson, **Sound/Video Tech:** Mary Jorstad, Susan Throndson.
Sacristan: Lorie Ford, **Communion Steward:** Dave Bolterman,
Ushers & Greeters: Dave and Dorine Bolterman.

Traditional Order of Service 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE	The Love Of God	Frederick M. Lehman
INTROIT	He is Exalted	TFWS #2070

CALL TO WORSHIP*
[Liturgist] We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
[All] We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
[Liturgist] When we feel tested by hard decisions, calls to advocate against injustice, competing narratives, and worrying misinformation, we remember:
[All] We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
[Liturgist] When we struggle with damaged trust and the need to repair our relationships with God and one another, when we are called to go against the social current to build communities of mercy and justice, we remember:
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[Liturgist] Come, let us worship God whose grace surrounds us when we feel tested and tried, empowering us to remain faithful disciples of Jesus Christ when we face chaos, division, injustice, and hardship.
[All] We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the Body of Christ in a broken and hurting world. Amen.

OPENING HYMN*	Take My Life, And Let It Be	No. 399

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER
[Liturgist] Happy are we, O God, when our hearts are full,
our ways are yours, our spirits enlivened by your call.
Happy are we, O God, when our lives are guided by delight.
We gather here today for just that, holy God.
We gather to draw on all you would give us
to be more fully yours. In Jesus' name.
[All] Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM	Open The Eyes Of My Heart	By Michail W. Smith
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 22:34-46	

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37 Jesus answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' **38** This is the greatest and the most important commandment. **39** The second most important commandment is like it: 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.' **40** The whole Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets depend on these two commandments."

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43 "Why, then," Jesus asked, "did the Spirit inspire David to call him 'Lord'? David said,
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46 No one was able to give Jesus any answer, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

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		10:00 am	Sew ‘n Sews & Crafts, McMillen Rm #113
		11:00 am	Chair Yoga, Criswell Hall
		5:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal, Rm #115
		7:30 pm	Friendly Neighborhood Big Band Rehearsal, Criswell Hall
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Sat.	Nov. 14	Youth Group, Adults 3pm, Youth 4pm, Dinner 5:30pm
Sun.	Nov. 15	Children, Youth Committee, 12pm
Sun.	Nov. 15	Boutique - Last Chance
Sun.	Nov. 15	Pennies for Turkeys, after both services
Sat.	Nov. 21	Free Golf Lessons for Youth at Monarch Dunes Golf Course, 2-4pm
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Sun.	Nov. 29	Advent Workshop, 11:30am lunch @ crafts, Criswell Hall
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Sat.	Dec. 5	Holiday Extravaganza Talent Show, 5-7pm
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