

22nd Sunday after Pentecost – October 25, 2026

*“No matter where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here!” Grounded in God’s love, grace, and mercy, we are a community **Where Welcome Grows** through Inclusive Refuge, Compassionate Justice, and Environmental Advocacy.”*

Connection Cards: Please complete a Connection Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Cards may also be used for prayer requests or comments.

Children: Children are always welcome in worship! Toys and activity bags are available in the Children’s Corner.

Offerings: Physical offerings may be placed in the offering plate following the sermon. Or give electronically using the QR code in this bulletin or by texting COA and your gift amount to 73256.

We give thanks for the volunteers who share their time and gifts in worship each week. Today we are grateful for: Donna, Benja, Jim S, Luane, Randy, John, Karen, George, Praise Band (Ramey, Doug, Ian, Nate, Jan & Johanna) and the Apostles Choir.

Gathering Music: “You’re Worthy of My Praise” – David Ruiz

Welcome

Invitation to the Season

Prayer

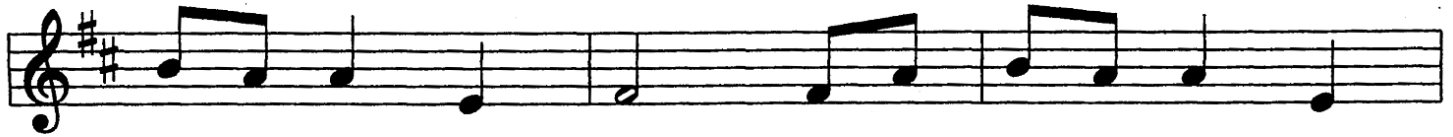
All: Wondrous God: you touch our lives with healing and justice; new life is your gift. We praise you for the Good News which is ours through Jesus Christ. May this time of worship nourish us with your promise of meaning and purpose. May we be empowered to be changemakers of your goodness. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Song: “We Will Glorify the King of Kings”

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1. We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings, we will
2. Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in maj - es - ty, we will
3. He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth, he is
4. Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, hal - le -



glo - ri - fy the Lamb; we will glo - ri - fy the
bow be - fore his throne; we will wor-ship him in
Lord of all who live; he is Lord a - bove the
lu - jah to the Lamb; hal - le - lu - jah to the



Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.
righ-teous-ness, we will wor-ship him a lone.
u - ni - verse, all praise to him we give.
Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

Remembering Who We Are

Leader: Holy One, you have shown us... It is God's work. It is important work that must continue beyond us, and after us.

All: Forgive us.

Leader: Forgive us for making your work small. Forgive us for our weakness and timidity. Send us your spirit again, and free us from our fear and complacency. Embolden us.

All: Make us willing to take the risk as we do our work of changemaking.

Amen.

Remembering Who God Is

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Song: "Christ Beside Me"

1., 3. Christ be - side me, Christ be - fore me,
2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,

Christ be - hind me — King of my heart; —
Christ all a - round me — shield in the strife; —

Christ with - in me, Christ be - low me,
Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my sit - ting,

Christ a - bove me — nev - er to part. —
Christ in my ris - ing — light of my life. —

Children's Time:

Song: "Be a Changemaker"

We can be a changemaker, change the world.

Make a better place for everyone! Changemaker!

Just one small change can make a difference every day

make a difference every day!

Scripture Readings: Philippians 2:5-11 & Matthew 21:10-17

Leader: Holy Wisdom. Holy Words **People: Thanks be to God.**

Contemporary Words: "What Are We Willing to Risk for the Gospel?"

Generosity Moment

Special Music: "Body, Mind, Spirit, Voice" – Page

Doxology

All: Praise to the Maker, the One who gives breath.

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Praise to Christ Jesus, who reigns over death.

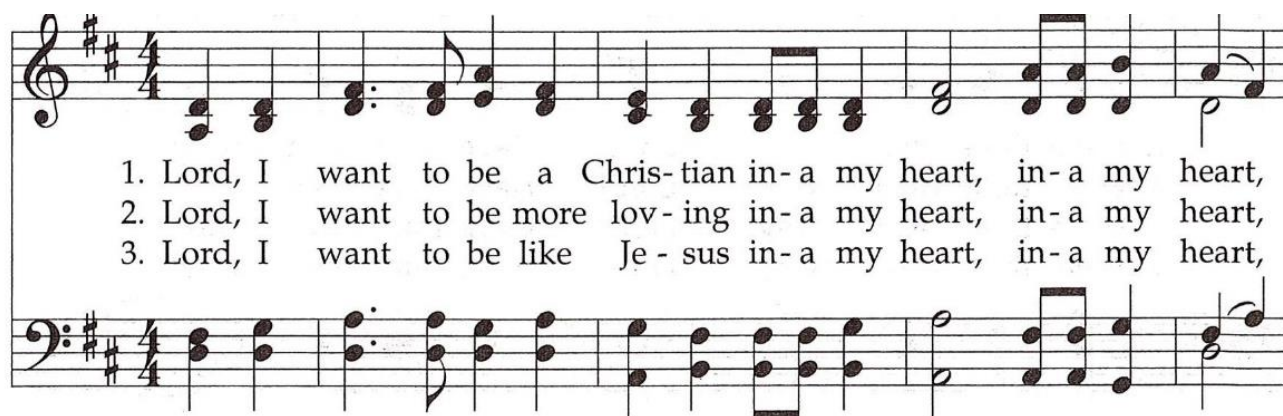
Praise to the Spirit, our strength and our friend.

Three-in-One present, world without end.

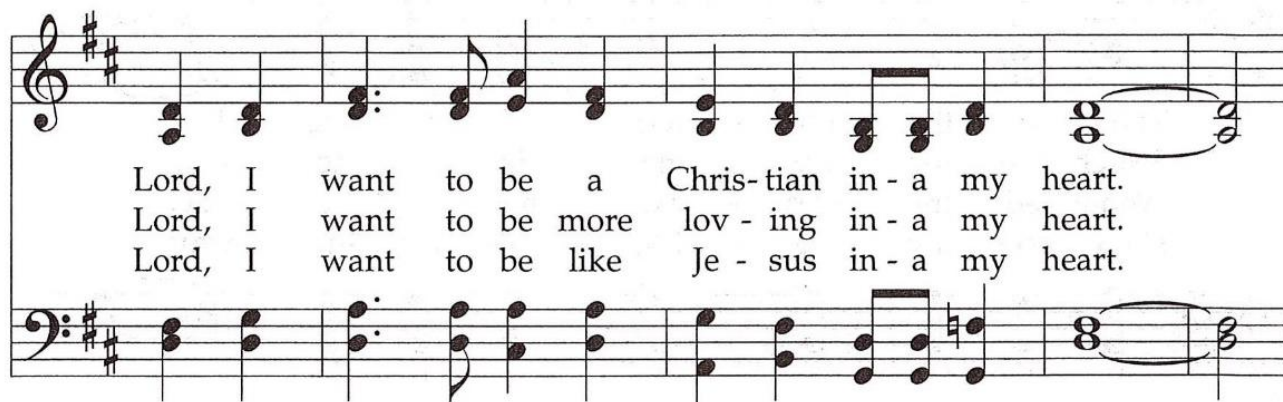
Prayers of the People

All: 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 as we forgive others. And let us not fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

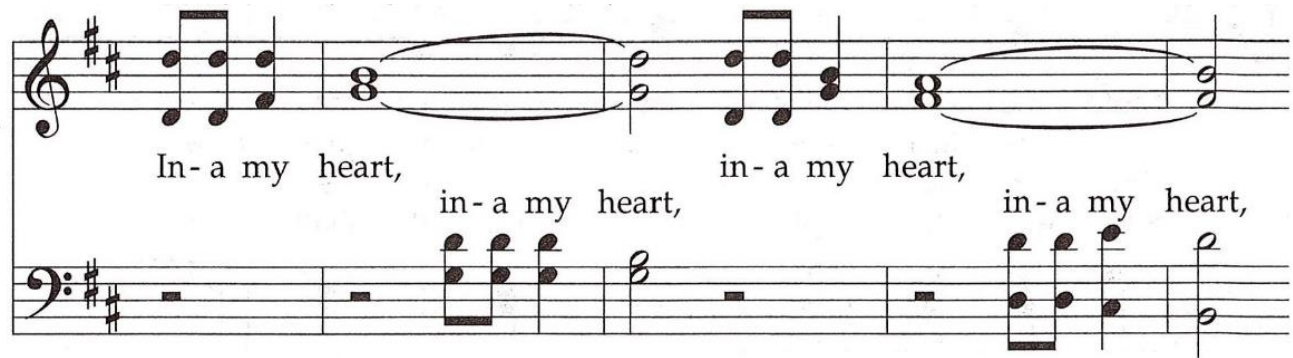
Song: “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” (Chalice 589)



1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in-a my heart, in-a my heart,
2. Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in-a my heart, in-a my heart,
3. Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in-a my heart, in-a my heart,



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Benediction

Leader: And all God's people said,

All: Amen!

Leader: Church of the Apostles, what are we to do?

All: God's love guides us to welcome and include people as they are, serve compassionately, and champion environmental care and social justice.

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Leader: You are not alone.

All: You are not alone.

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Sending Music: "Jesus, Name Above All Names" – Naida Hearn

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Prayers of Joy and Concern

(as of printing on 10/21/2026)

Joys: Moe Tamasese; Food Donations to Hempfield Food Pantry; First Reformed UCC; a friend that got engaged; the new members received

Concerns: Pat DiDomenico; Wilson's Neighbor, Ramon; Bill Hager's Friend, Christina; Rev. Katherine Seiler & Family; Donna's Friend, Gail; David Kuhn; Megan's Niece, Rosie; Carol Gabriel & her family; Ellie

To add your prayers of joy and concern, email office@apostlesucc.org
or call 717-392-5718 ext 8200

APOSTLE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCT. INCLUSIVE CHURCH FOCUS – Depression: the many ways it can affect our lives.

WHERE WELCOME GROWS – Enjoy an afternoon on November 8th starting at 11:30 AM of music, magic, art, & food as COA celebrates one year of being an open & affirming congregation.

CRAFTER'S MARKETPLACE – Shop handmade treasures from 20 local vendors in Fellowship Hall on November 14th from 9 AM – 3 PM. Good Eats Catering will be on-site serving BBQ & artisan grilled cheeses.

DRUM CIRCLE – Join Music Director Lars Potteiger for a drum circle on November 15th at 3 PM in the Sanctuary. Drums are provided; bring yourself and your love for rhythm.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED – Your gifts support UCC ministries focused on justice, compassion, advocacy, and racial justice, including the Council for American Indian Ministries. Give by cash, check, or through [Realm](#).

COZY COATS FOR KIDS – We're collecting new and gently used coats and jackets, plus new hats, gloves, scarves, and socks for children from preschool through 8th grade.

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