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TODAY
*Tending to the Soul
through Discernment*



We are glad you are here.

When You Were Born You Cried
A Cherokee Proverb
Chancel Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign the friendship pads.
- Sunday, October 18: All-church transition Discussion in the Sanctuary
- Thursday, October 22: Art Show Potluck in the Petersen Gallery at noon
- Sunday, October 25: Trunk or Treat - Sign up today during Fellowship
- Minute with the Trustees for 2027 Stewardship
- Lay Reader: Aleta Parker

PRELUDE

I Need Thee Every Hour
Arr. Michael Bailey
Courtney Holmes, *piano*

WORD OF GRACE

*(Active Hope (revised):
How to Face the Mess We're in with
Unexpected Resilience and Creative
Power, New World Library, 2022)*
Active Hope is a readiness to discover the strengths in ourselves and in others;
a readiness to discover the reasons for hope and the occasions for love.
A readiness to discover the size and strength of our hearts,
our quickness of mind, our steadiness of purpose,
our own authority, our love for life, the liveliness of our curiosity,
the unsuspected deep well of patience and diligence,
the keenness of our senses, and our capacity to lead.
None of these can be discovered in an armchair or without risk.

CALL TO WORSHIP *

One: Give us wise and discerning hearts,
God,

ALL: so that we may know who we are.

One: Give us wise and discerning hearts,
God,

ALL: so that we may know who our neighbors are.

One: Give us wise and discerning hearts,
God,

ALL: so that we may know what you have called us to be and to do.

OPENING HYMN *

#410 God is Calling through the Whisper

PASSING OF THE PEACE *

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

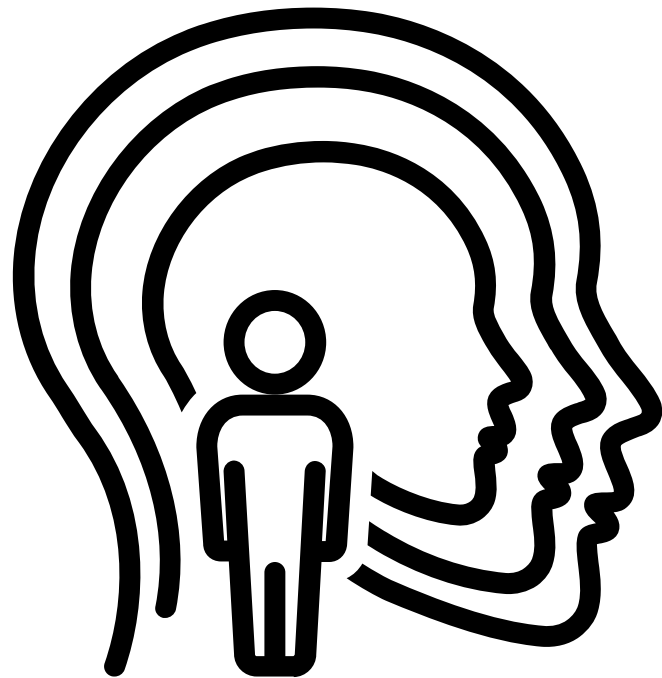
Leader: Let us offer signs of Christ's peace to one another.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Word Was God
Rosephanye Powell
Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children are dismissed afterward.



SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 3:5-10

At Gibeon, God appeared in a dream to the ruler during the night, saying, “Ask what you would like me to give you.” Solomon replied, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, David, who was faithful, righteous, and obedient to you. And you have generously maintained this constant love toward us and now you have appointed a successor to sit on the judgment seat this very day. Now, YHWH my God, you have continued this kindness to David’s successor to sit on the judgment seat this very day. Here I am in the midst of your chosen people, a people so numerous they cannot be counted. Give me your servant, a discerning heart, so that I may distinguish good from evil and govern your people with wisdom. YHWH was very pleased that Solomon requested what he said.

SERMON

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Rev. Kris Voss-Rothmeier

HYMN OF RESPONSE *

#175 Seek Ye First

OFFERTORY

Deep River
Arr. Mark Hayes
Courtney Holmes, *piano*

SONG OF COMMITMENT

#647 Give Thanks

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Give thanks with a grateful heart;

give thanks to the Holy One;

give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart;

give thanks to the Holy One;

give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now let the weak say,

“We are strong”;

let the poor say,

“We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!”

And now let the weak say,

“We are strong”;

let the poor say,

“We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!”

Give thanks.

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COMMUNITY PRAYERS

#344 Refrain

Where Armies Scourge the Countryside

RECOGNITION OF CLERKS OF SESSION

CLOSING SONG

#549 May the Love of the Lord

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Arabesque No. 1 in E Major
Claude Debussy
Courtney Holmes, *piano*

FELLOWSHIP

We invite you to join us in the Petersen Gallery for conversation and refreshments or attend an education class at 11:15 a.m..

See you next Sunday at 10:00 a.m.