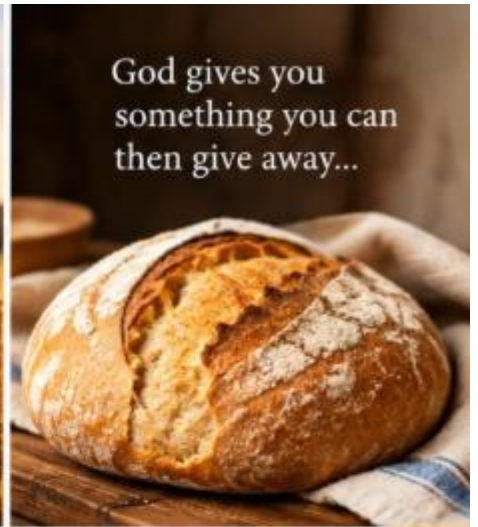




This most
generous God
who gives seed
to the farmer...



...that becomes
bread for your meals
is more than extravagant
with you.



God gives you
something you can
then give away...

2026 Stewardship Campaign Celebrating Generosity



Give...
and it grows...
and blesses others.



It grows into
full-formed lives...



...and produces
with us *great*
praise to God.

First United Methodist Church
34 South Main Street
Rochester, NH

October 11, 2026

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(†) *The congregation is invited to stand or (Sit with Gusto)*
(BOLD-FACED TYPE) Congregation responds

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Silent Prayer and Time for Centering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP ***

Creator God, you have made us in your image.

Your living image in us

speaks back to you with praise and longing.

You have rescued us from slavery and set us free.

In our freedom and gratitude we turn to you.

Christ, you offer God's presence;

you open a way to God.

And so we draw near.

We bring ourselves into your Presence.

Holy Spirit, you live in us.

You breathe in us.

You worship in us.

Alleluia! Holy Spirit by your power alone we worship!

Stir up your wonder,

and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!

† **HYMN OF PRAISE**

O Spirit of the Living God

1. O Spir - it of the liv - ing God, thou
 2. Blow, wind of God! With wis - dom blow un -
 3. Teach us to ut - ter liv - ing words of
 4. So shall we know the power of Christ who

light and fire di - vine, de - scend up - on thy
 til our minds are free from mists of er - ror,
 truth which all may hear, the lan - guage all may
 came this world to save; so shall we rise with

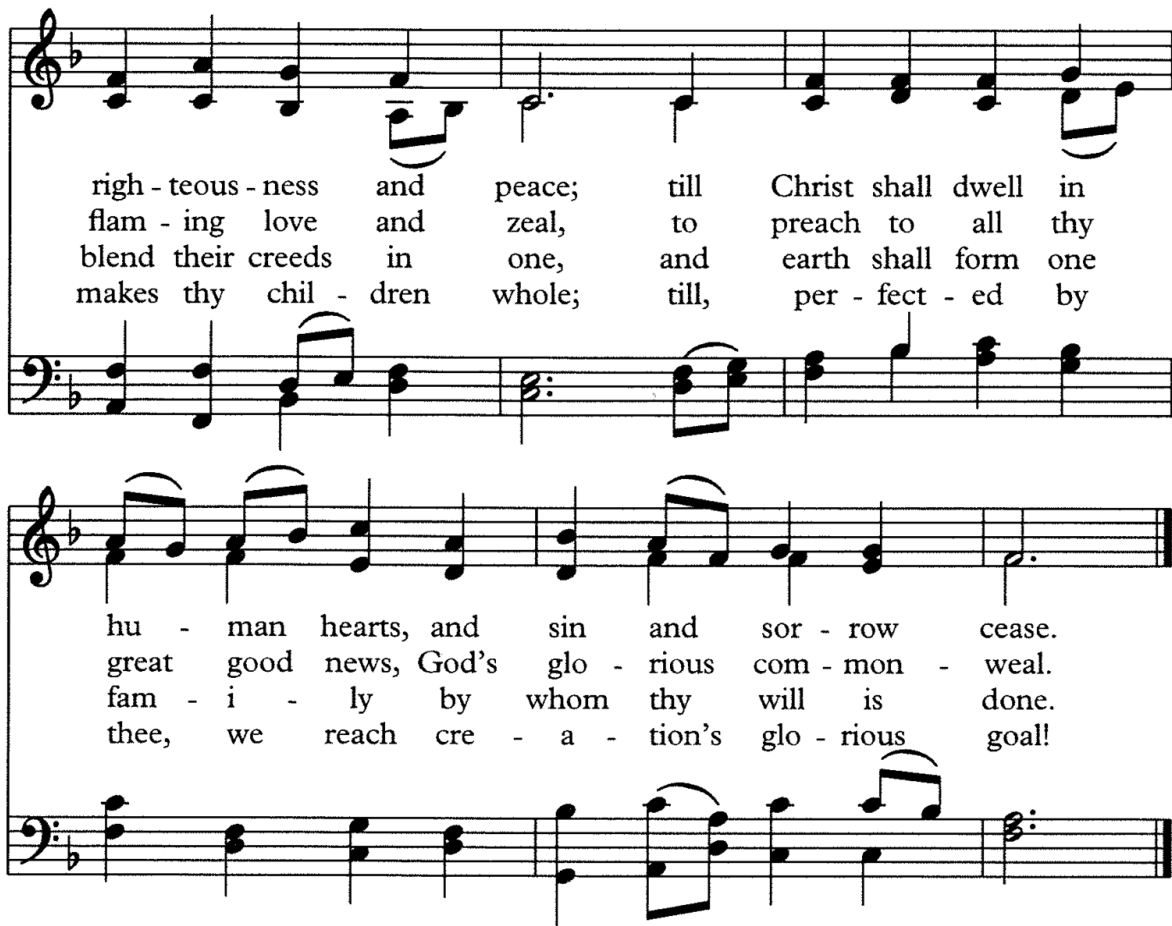
church once more, and make it tru - ly thine.
 clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.
 un - der - stand when love speaks loud and clear;
 him to life which soars be - yond the grave;

Fill it with love and joy and power, with
 Burn, wing - ed fire! In - spire our lips with
 till ev - ery age and race and clime shall
 and earth shall win true ho - li - ness, which

WORDS: Henry H. Tweedy, 1935 (Acts 2)

MUSIC: Trad. English melody; arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

FOREST GREEN
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righ - teous - ness and peace; till Christ shall dwell in
 flam - ing love and zeal, to preach to all thy
 blend their creeds in one, and earth shall form one
 makes thy chil - dren whole; till, per - fect - ed by

hu - man hearts, and sin and sor - row cease.
 great good news, God's glo - rious com - mon - weal.
 fam - i - ly by whom thy will is done.
 thee, we reach cre - a - tion's glo - rious goal!

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† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, we confess that we can live only by your grace,
 and that we desire to live only by your ways.
 But we have forgotten your presence
 and wandered from your ways.
 In the mercy that Christ has shown us,
 forgive us, restore us,
 and return us to your life-giving Presence,
 that we may live by your grace alone.**

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In our love for others, we discover God's love for us.

In our forgiving of others, we learn once more
how deeply God has forgiven us.

Friends, this is the good news offered to us!

We are God's children,

**called to be different, called to act different,
called to live as new people.**

Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. Amen.

WE PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Exodus 32: 1-14](#) (Pg. 69) **

ANTHEM Lord For Thy Tender Mercies Sake Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
lay not our sins to our charge.
But forgive that is past,
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
To decline from sin, and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in a perfect heart,
before thee now and evermore. Amen.

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TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

† HYMN OF PREPARATION

108 God Hath Spoken by the Prophets

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, key signatures, time signatures, and dynamic markings. The lyrics are as follows:

1. God hath spo-ken by the proph-ets, spo-ken the un-
 2. God hath spo-ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er -
 3. God yet speak eth by the Spir - it, speak eth to our

chang - ing Word, each from age to age pro - claim - ing,
 last - ing Son; bright-ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry,
 hearts a - gain; in the age-long Word ex - pound - ing

God the One, the righ-teous Lord! 'Mid the world's de-spair and
 with the Fa - ther ev - er one; spo-ken by the Word in -
 God's own mes-sage, now as then. Thru the rise and fall of

tur - moil, one firm an-chor hold - eth fast: God e - ter - nal
 car - nate, God of God, ere time was born; Light of Light, to
 na - tions, one sure faith yet stand-ing fast, God a - bides, the

WORDS: George W. Briggs, 1952, alt.

MUSIC: Thomas J. Williams, 1890

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† GOSPEL LESSON: [Matthew 16: 13-20](#) **(Pg. 798) ****

PRESIDER: For the word of God in Scripture,
 For the word of God among us,
 For the word of God within us,

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

† GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

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The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men. A - men.'

WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent.
MUSIC: Charles Meineke, 1844

MEINEKE
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SERMON: Rev. Ho-Soon Han

“Like Moses, Like Peter”

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

541 Church of God, Elect and Glorious



1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, ho - ly na - tion, cho - sen race;
 2 God has called you out of dark - ness in - to his most mar - velous light;
 3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, stran - gers to God's heart of love;
 4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, be the peo - ple he in - tends;

called as God's own spe - cial peo - ple, roy - al priests and heirs of grace:
 brought his truth to life with - in you, turned your blind - ness in - to sight.
 but he brought you home in mer - cy, cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove.
 strong in faith and swift to an - swer each com - mand your Mas - ter sends:

know the pur - pose of your call - ing, show to all his might - y deeds;
 Let your light so shine a - round you that God's name is glo - ri - fied;
 Let his love flow out to oth - ers, let them feel a Fa - ther's care;
 roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing through your sac - ri - fice and prayer;

tell of love which knows no lim - its, grace that meets all hu - man needs.
 and all find fresh hope and pur - pose in Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.
 that they too may know his wel - come and his count - less bless - ings share.
 give your lives in joy - ful serv - ice—sing his praise, his love de - clare.

WORDS: James E. Seddon (1915-1983), para. 1 Peter 2:9-12
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER SONG Jesus Name Above All Names

**Jesus, name above all names,
beautiful Savior glorious Lord.
Emmanuel God is with us,
blessed Redeemer living Word**

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SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(UMH p. 895)

PRAYER SONG *(See Above)*

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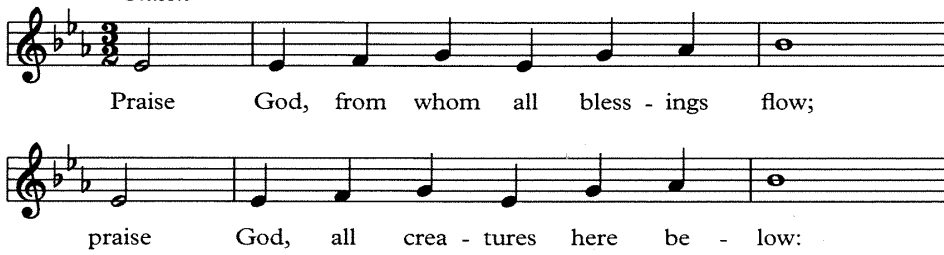
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OFFERTORY MUSIC

† DOXOLOGY

94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

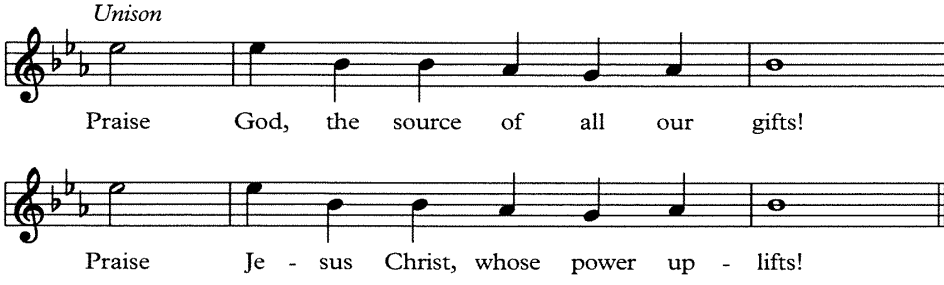
Unison



Harmony



Unison



Refrain (Harmony)



Unison



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LASST UNS ERFREUEN
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Offertory Prayer:

THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

† HYMN OF DEDICATION

In the Midst of New Dimensions

1 In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of
 2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,
 3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -
 4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -

chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples
 and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,
 old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,
 draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

Refrain
 wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will light the flame of care?
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,
 each a love song to be sung.
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney

now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

† Benediction

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****Liturgical Elements: "Unfolding Light"*

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Readings for October 18, 2026

Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

[Exodus 33: 12-23 / Psalm 99](#)

[1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 / Acts 4:5-12 / Matthew 22: 15-22](#)



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