



**Pilgrim Congregational Church,  
United Church of Christ  
Worship Sunday  
September 28, 2025**

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- † PRELUDE: Prelude & Fugue in C — JS Bach
- † GATHERING SONG: God Welcomes All  
— John Bell
- † OPENING HYMN: I Sing As I Arise Today\*
- † ANTHEM: For the Beauty of the Earth  
(arr. DePuy)
- † OFFERTORY: Sing of the Lord's Goodness  
— Ernest Sands
- † HYMN: Lord of All Hopefulness
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- † POSTLUDE: All Creatures of Our God and  
King — Joshua Evanovich

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*Today's service will be recorded.*

## WORSHIP – SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

PRELUDE

Prelude & Fugue in C — JS Bach

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Acadia Z.

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

ONE: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

\*GATHERING SONG

God Welcomes All — John Bell

God welcomes all, Strangers and Friends; God's love is strong And it never ends!

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Acadia Z.

ONE: Praise the Eternal One, Creator of all that is.

**ALL: Let us Praise God from the heavens, and on the earth.**

ONE: Give thanks for creation, all people.

**ALL: We give thanks to our Creator.**

ONE: Let us praise the name of Love

**ALL: For God calls us forth to love.**

ONE: From the mountains to the ocean, from the valleys to the rivers

**ALL: For the trees and the creatures, for the flowers and birds**

ONE: We praise our Creator

**ALL: By living to Love.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Holy God, how good it is to be together, gathered to worship you this day. We bring our full selves before you, joys and sorrows alike. We bring our full selves to this community, ready to bless one another. We bring our full selves to this world, ready to bless your good Creation. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**      I Sing As I Arise Today — New Century Hymnal 83 (next pages)

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 32:14-18

Acadia Z.

For the palace will be forsaken, the populous city deserted;  
the hill and the watchtower will become dens forever,  
the joy of wild donkeys, a pasture for flocks;

<sup>15</sup>until a spirit from on high is poured out on us,  
and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field,  
and the fruitful field is deemed a forest.

<sup>16</sup>Then justice will dwell in the wilderness and  
righteousness abide in the fruitful field.

<sup>17</sup>The effect of righteousness will be peace, and  
the result of righteousness, quietness and trust  
forever.

<sup>18</sup>My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting  
places.





# I Sing as I Arise Today

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*Attrib. to St. Patrick (372–466)*

*Transl. anon.*

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, with the first system containing three numbered parts (1, 2, 3) and the subsequent systems containing the continuation of the lyrics. The lyrics are: 1 I sing as I a - rise to - day! I 2 The word of God to be my speech, The 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Al - call on my Cre - a - tor's might: The will of God to hand of God to be my stay, The shield of God to le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, al -



Philippians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

<sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

<sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

<sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

ONE: Here end the readings. Hear what the Spirit of God is saying to the church.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**



ANTHEM For the Beauty of the Earth — Hymn Tune (arr. DePuy) Pilgrim Pick-Up Choir

REFLECTION

Rev. Reebee Girash

INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITY

Sarah Jane Fuller

\*HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness — Pilgrim Hymnal 217 (next pages)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father (Creator), who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Rev. Reebee Girash

OFFERTORY

Sing of the Lord's Goodness — Ernest Sands



Online donation link.

**\*DOXOLOGY**

Pilgrim Hymnal 515

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**or**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**God, make us instruments of your peace:**

**where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon;**

**where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;**

**where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.**

**Bless these gifts that they may be used to do your will. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

Take My Gifts — New Century Hymnal 562 (next pages)

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Reebee Girash

**POSTLUDE**

All Creatures of Our God and King — Joshua Evanovich

*\*Please be in a posture of praise.*

Thank you to our greeters, Sandy & Derek Gardiner, our Liturgist, Acadia Z.,  
our Zoom hosts, Mia M. & Luca Z., and our coffee hour host, Duncan Todd.

## Lord of All Hopefulness

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Jan Struther, 1901-1953

Traditional Irish Melody

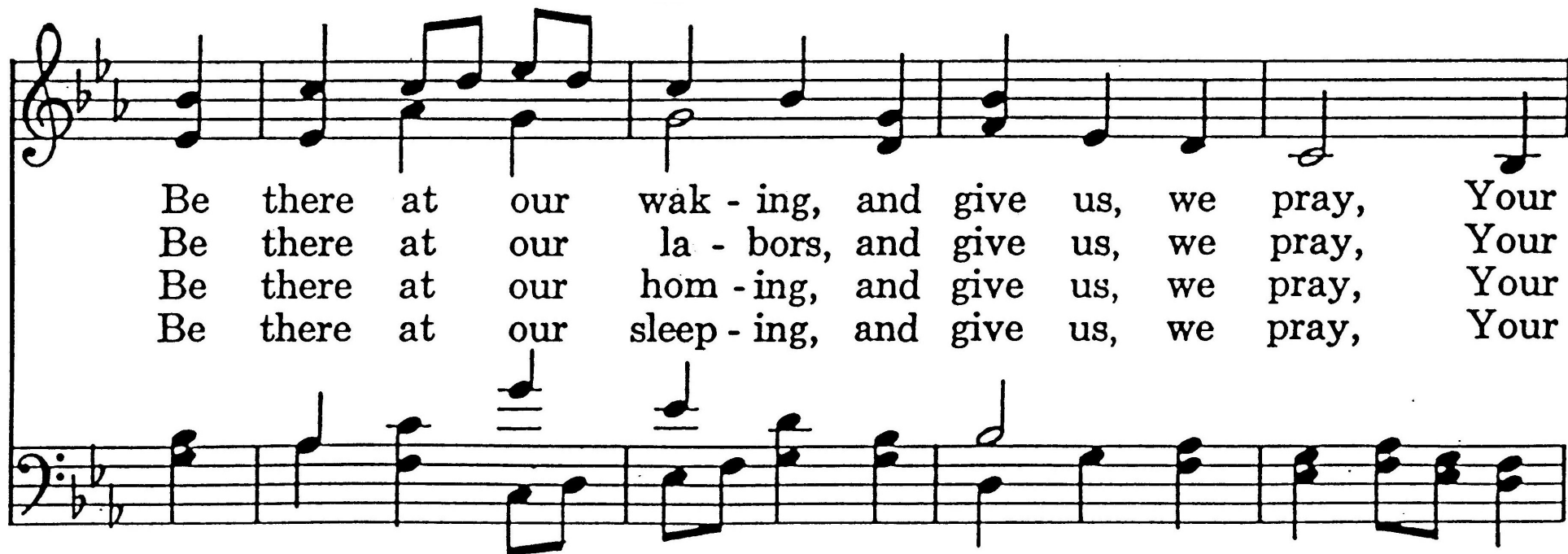
Harm. by David Evans, 1874-1948

In unison


1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,  
 Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
 Your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,  
 Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,





Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray, Your  
 Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray, Your  
 Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray, Your  
 Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray, Your



bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day. A - men.

*PRESENCE AND GUIDANCE*

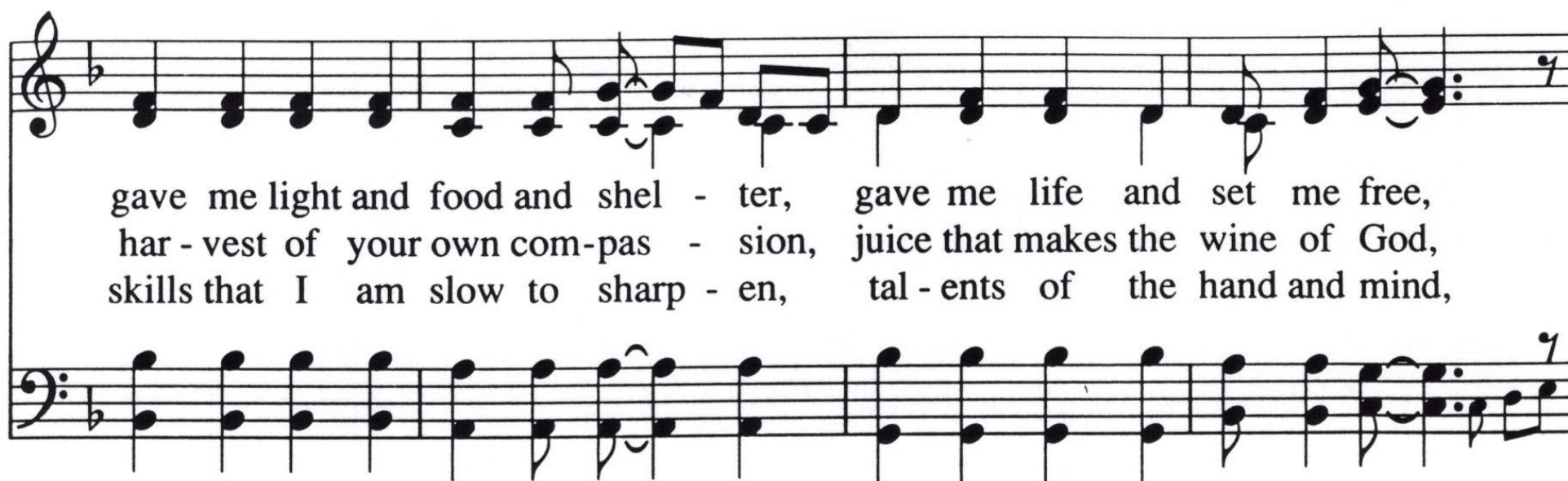
# Take My Gifts

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*Shirley Erena Murray, 1991*

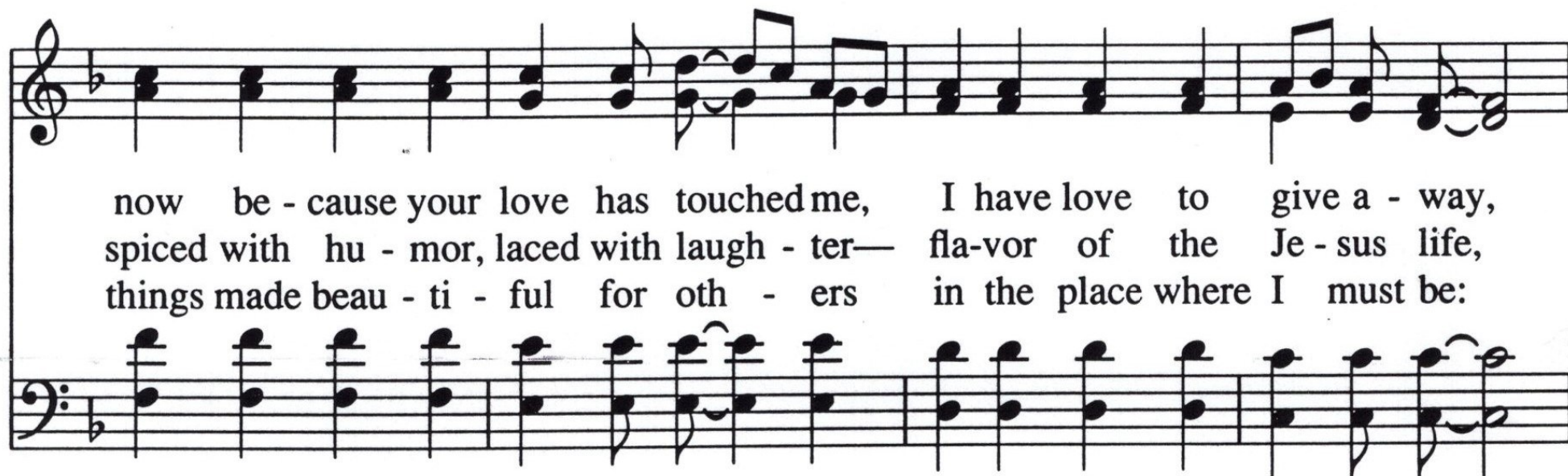


1 Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,  
2 Take the fruit that I have gath - ered from the tree your Spir-it sowed,  
3 Take what-ev - er I can of - fer— gifts that I have yet to find,

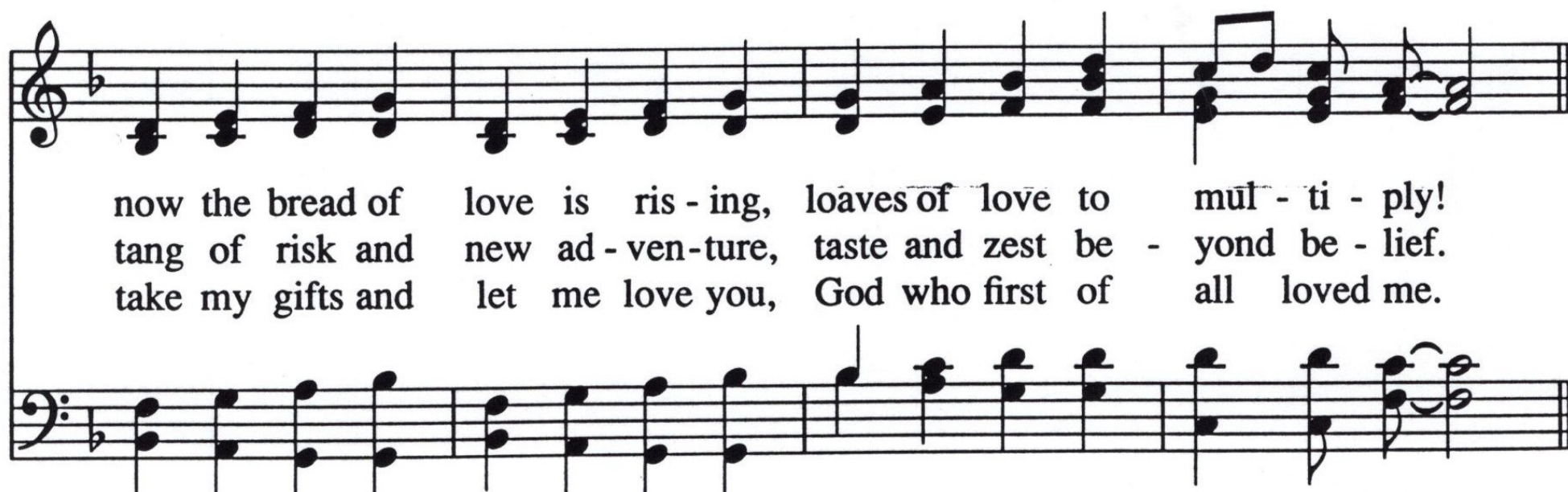


gave me light and food and shel - ter, gave me life and set me free,  
har - vest of your own com-pas - sion, juice that makes the wine of God,  
skills that I am slow to sharp - en, tal - ents of the hand and mind,





now be - cause your love has touched me, I have love to give a - way,  
spiced with hu - mor, laced with laugh - ter— fla - vor of the Je - sus life,  
things made beau - ti - ful for oth - ers in the place where I must be:



now the bread of love is ris - ing, loaves of love to mul - ti - ply!  
tang of risk and new ad - ven - ture, taste and zest be - yond be - lief.  
take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

***Please note:*** The video of this service is posted online. If you prefer not to be filmed, please sit near the rear of the sanctuary.



## SOURCE NOTES

*The Gathering Song is by John Bell, included in the hymnal God Welcomes All (Church of Scotland) and in the songbook of the Iona Community. The Prayer of Dedication is attributed to Francis of Assisi. Photo Credits: Rev. Reebee Girash.*

### **Save the Dates**

- 9/28 — Worship & Children's Open House 10:30 AM
- 9/30 — Bible Study 10:30 AM (Zoom)
- 10/2 — Choir Practice 7:30 PM
- 10/4 — Pumpkin Patch unloading! 9:00 AM
- 10/5 — Communion Sunday & Sunday School 10:30 AM
- 10/7 — Bible Study 10:30 AM (Hybrid)
- 10/9 — Men's Coffee 10:00 AM
- 10/9 — Crafternoon 3:00 PM
- 10/9 — Choir Practice 7:30 PM
- 10/12 — Worship & Sunday School 10:30 AM
- 10/14 — Bible Study 10:30 AM (Zoom)
- 10/16 — Choir Practice 7:30 PM
- 10/19 — Outdoor Church
- 10/19 — Apple Pie Festival 12:00-3:00 PM
- 10/19 — S'mores in the Pumpkin Patch (Grades 6+) 1:30 PM \*Rain date 10/26
- 12/7 — Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal
- 12/14 — Christmas Pageant

