



**Pilgrim Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ
Worship Sunday — September 21, 2025**

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and Work*
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Your Creed*
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— Benedetto Marcello

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Today's service will be recorded.

WORSHIP – SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

PRELUDE

Largo in A Minor — Johann Ludwig Krebs

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Jane Fuller

SPECIAL GUESTS

Mary Mastroelli and Lisa Higgins-Smith
Communities United Inc.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Luca 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

Luca Z.

Adapted from Psalm 148:1-13

ONE: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;

ALL: Praise God in the heights!

Praise God, all God's angels;

Praise God, sun and moon;

Praise God, all you shining stars!

ONE: Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for God commanded and they were created.
God established them forever and ever;
fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

**ALL: Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,
fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

ONE: Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
Wild animals, creeping things and flying birds!
All peoples and all rulers of the earth!

**ALL: Old and young together!
Let us praise the name of the Lord,
for God's name alone is exalted;
The Lord's glory is above earth and heaven.
Praise the Lord!**

*OPENING HYMN

Awake, Awake to Love and Work — New Century Hymnal 89
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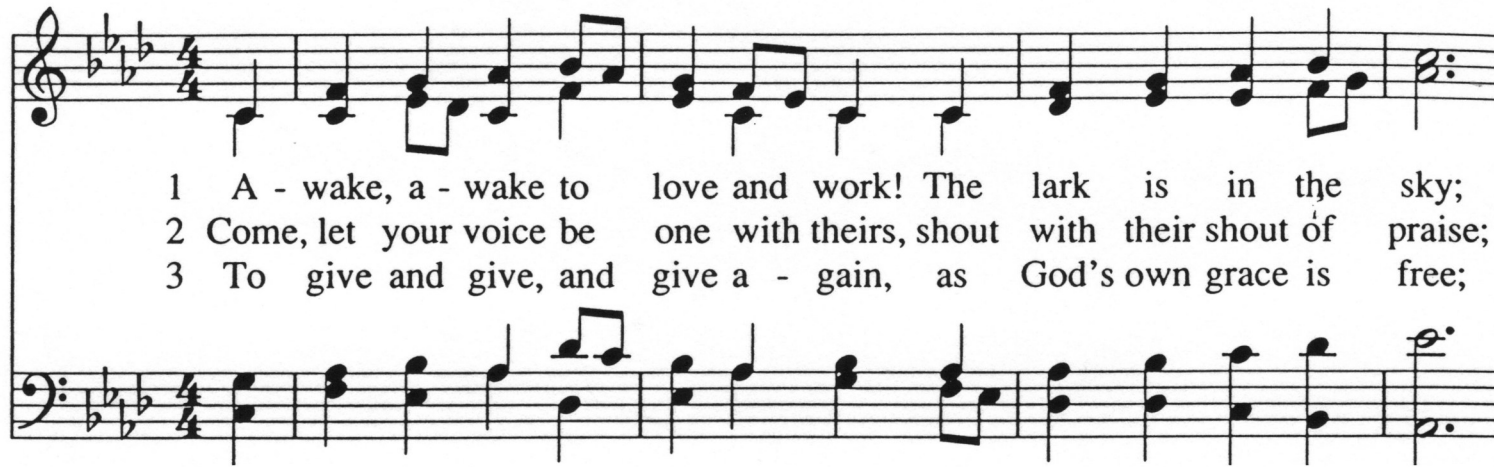
ANTHEM

Down to the River to Pray — Traditional Spiritual (arr. DePuy)
Pilgrim Choir

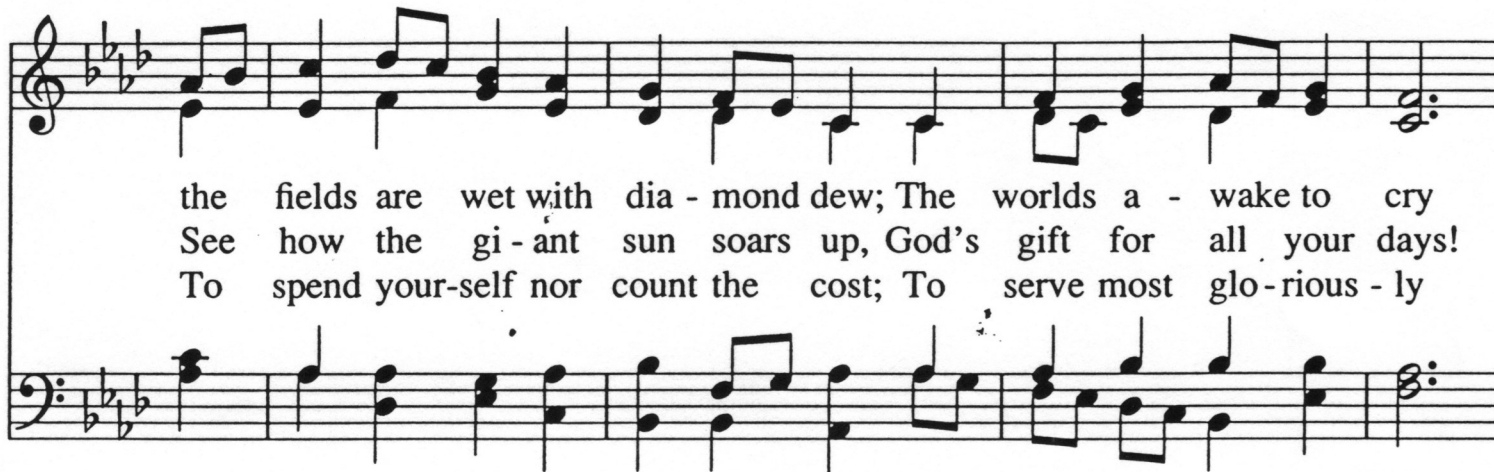
*Children are invited to a service project at this time.
Please join Sarah Jane and Izzy at the rear of the Sanctuary.*

Awake, Awake to Love and Work

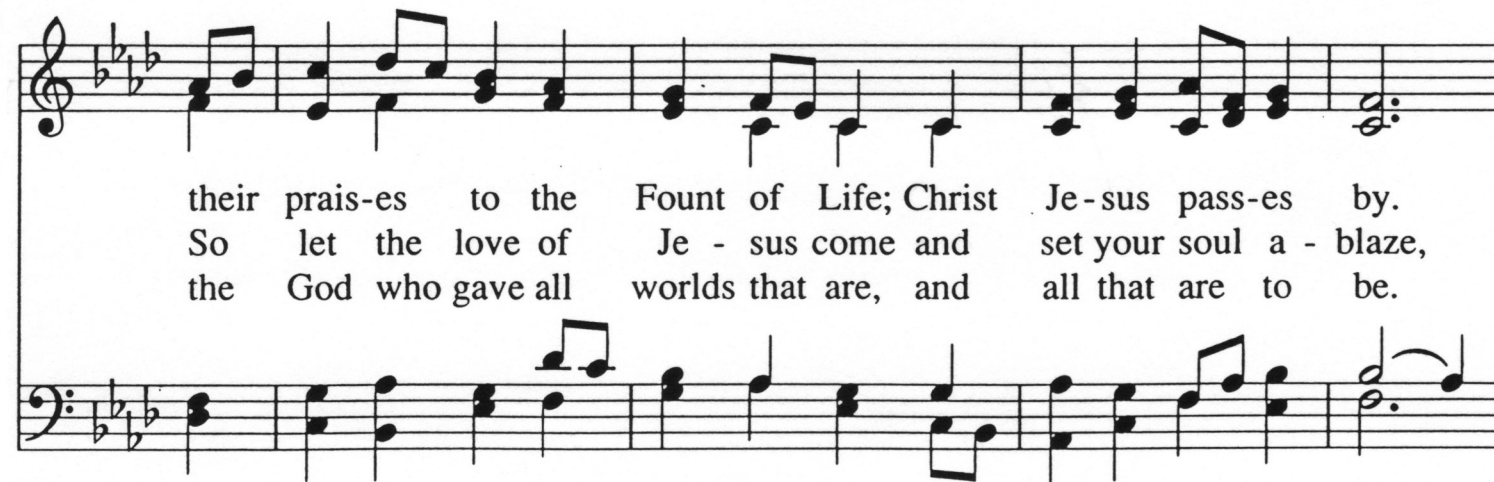
Geoffrey A. Studdert-Kennedy, 1921; alt.



1 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the sky;
 2 Come, let your voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of praise;
 3 To give and give, and give a - gain, as God's own grace is free;



the fields are wet with dia - mond dew; The worlds a - wake to cry
 See how the gi - ant sun soars up, God's gift for all your days!
 To spend your-self nor count the cost; To serve most glo - rious - ly



their prais-es to the Fount of Life; Christ Je-sus pass-es by.
 So let the love of Je - sus come and set your soul a - blaze,
 the God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house — ²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ” everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

ONE: Here ends the reading.

Hear what the Spirit of God is saying to the church.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Reebee Girash

*HYMN

All Things Bright and Beautiful — Pilgrim Hymnal 478

Cecil F. Alexander, 1823-1895

ROYAL OAK 7.6.7.6. *with Refrain*

Traditional English Melody

Adapted by Martin Shaw, 1875-

In unison

REFRAIN

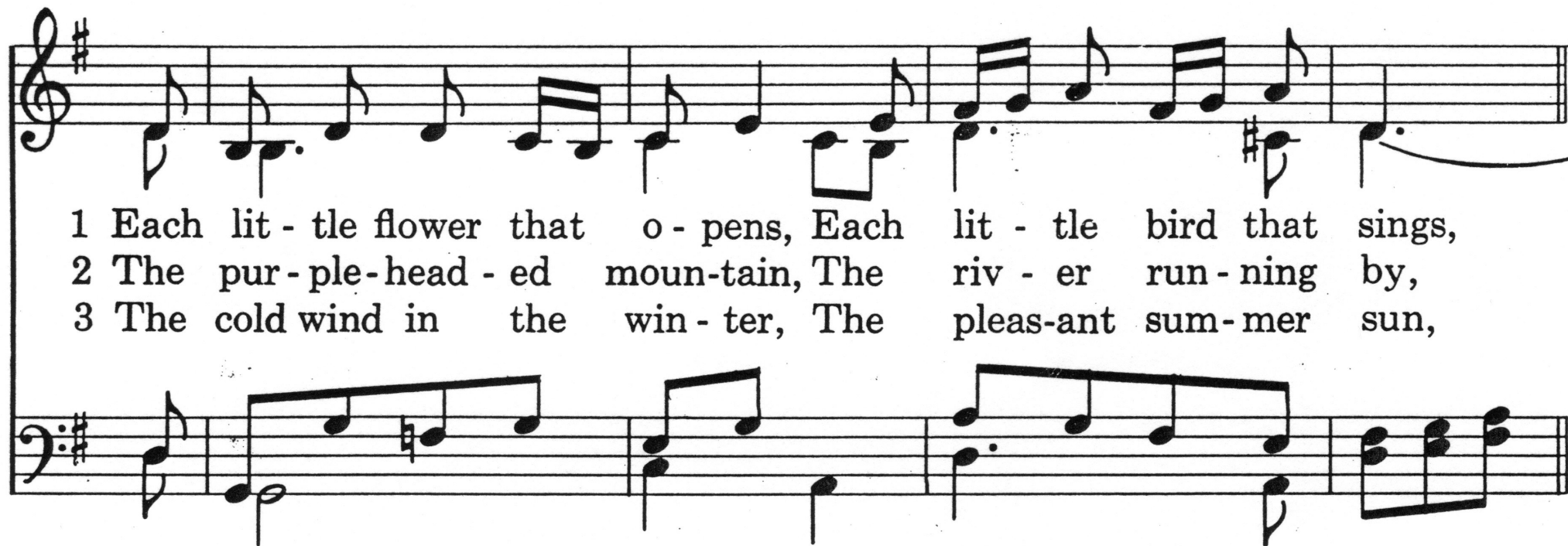


All things bright and beau-ti - ful, All crea-tures great and small,

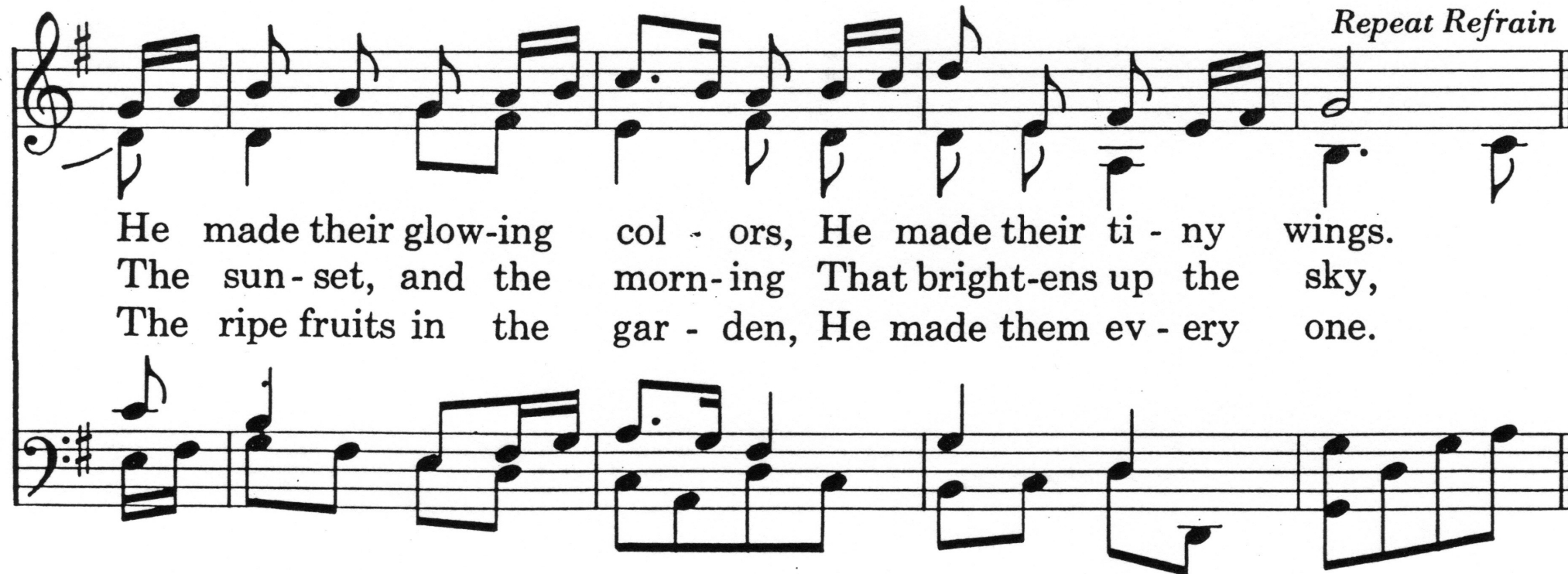


All things wise and won - der - ful, The Lord God made them all.





1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, Each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, The riv - er run - ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, The pleas - ant sum - mer sun,



Repeat Refrain

He made their glow - ing col - ors, He made their ti - ny wings.
 The sun - set, and the morn - ing That bright - ens up the sky,
 The ripe fruits in the gar - den, He made them ev - ery one.

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

Love and Justice — Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

*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

*CLOSING HYMN

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Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed

537

Francis Albert Rollo Russell, 1893; alt.

1 Chris - tian, rise and act your creed; let your
 2 Hearts a - round you sink with care; you can
 3 Of - fer oth - ers hope and joy, and God's
 4 Come then, law di - vine, and reign: faith that

prayer be in your deed; Seek the right, per - form the
 help their load to bear; You can bring in - spir - ing
 wor - ship your em - ploy; Giv - ing thanks in hum - ble
 doubt as - sails in vain, Per - fect love be - reft of

true, raise your work and life a - new.
 light, strength - en them to do the right.
 zeal, learn - ing all God's will to feel.
 fear, born in heaven and ra - diant here.

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Reebee Girash

Deep peace of the morning sun to you.
Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

The Heavens Declare — Benedetto Marcello

**Please be in a posture of praise.*

SOURCE NOTES

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.*

Thank you to our greeter, Elizabeth Chen, our Liturgist,
Luca Z., our coffee hour hosts, Dave McClave and
Stephanie Shore and our Zoom hosts, Mia M. and Acadia Z.

Save the Dates

9/23 — Bible Study 10:30 AM (Zoom)

9/25 — Choir Practice 7:30 PM

9/28 — Worship & Children's Open House at 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 — Worship Communion Sunday & Sunday School 10:30 AM

10/7 — Bible Study 10:30 AM (Zoom)

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

Apple Pie Festival — TBD



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