Prayer Concerns

*Guylene H.	Bill and Marilyn R.
Christine A.	Barb S.
*Anita B.	

**=1 week ˚=2 weeks +=3 weeks ˟=4 weeks on prayer list*

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

10/18 Michael & Jennifer Gaydos
10/18 Elizabeth Goodman
10/19 Hoyte Wilhelm
10/19 Harry Walton

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor: Tennille Power
Organist: Javier Gonzalez
Music Director: Gabriela Martinez
Liturgist: Joel Chermonte
Guest Speaker: Michelle Wolter
Greeters: Jean Scothon, Greg Lavelle
Usher: Liz Lavelle
Audio/Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter

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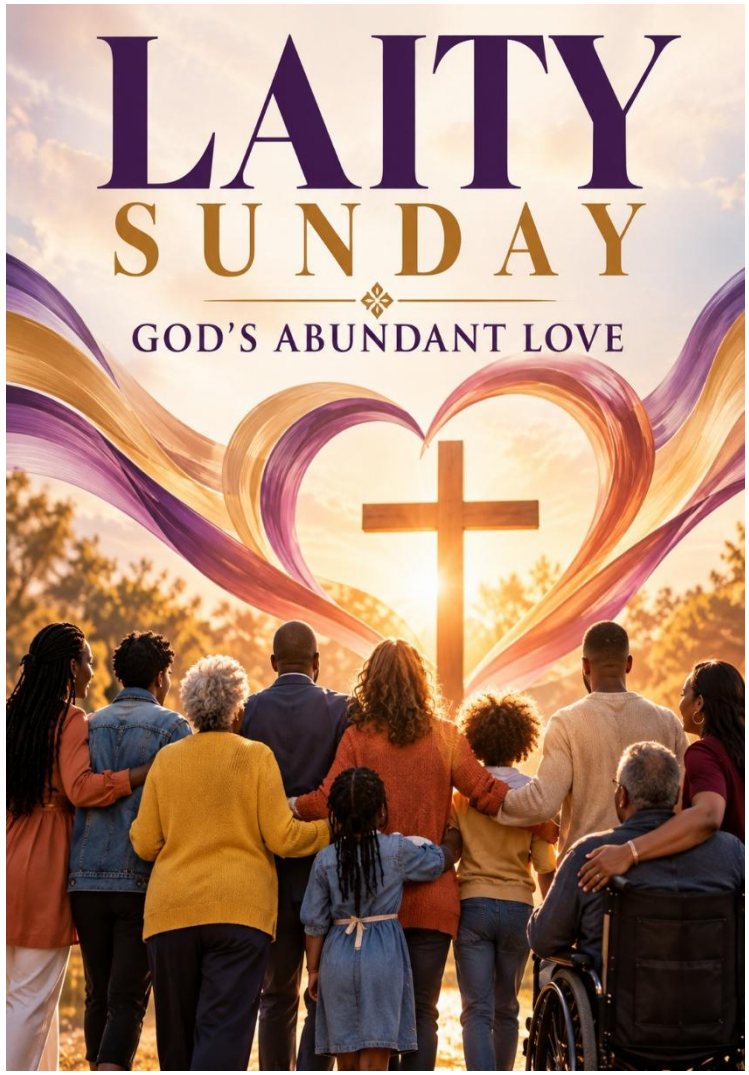

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Body, Mind, and Spirit

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Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

October 18, 2026 11:00 am

Processional/Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *A Quiet Reflection* David Lasky

****Call to Worship***
L: Come, let us love one another.
P: What is love?
L: God is love! God loves us!
P: How do we learn to love?
L: Jesus came to teach us.
P: We are confused, how do we know if we are doing it right?
L: Watch what Jesus did in his life!
P: But Jesus broke rules, He healed on the Sabbath, He drove the money changers out of the Temple, He consorted with the "wrong sorts" of people. Surely this is not what love looks like.
L: Love is not always easy, but we all are called to love. Love is patient, love is kind; but sometimes love is hard.
All: We will study the example of Jesus to learn to love, even when love is hard.

****Unison Prayer*** ***"***The Prayer of Saint Francis" UMH 481

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 6:4-9
New Testament Reading Colossians 3:12-14

Hymn *I Love To Tell the Story* UMH 156

Prayers of the People

Responsive Prayer
L: God of love, You love us even in our most unlovable moments.
P: Forgive us when we fail to know how to love others.
L: God's love is constant, never wavering.
P: Forgive us when our own love falters.
L: Jesus shows us how to love. He broke many rules in order to offer love to those who needed it most.
P: How are we supposed to know who needs it most?
L: Jesus shows us that those who need our love the most are usually those who are the hardest to love.
All: We will strive to love everyone, following the example of Jesus who loved in ways that continue to surprise us.

Choir Anthem *Spirit, Shine On Us* arr. Lloyd Larson

Offering Invitation/Penny Sunday
(Online giving available at noumc.org. Click on "Donate" tab.)
****Doxology/Prayer for the Offering*** UMH 94

Hymn *The Gift of Love* UMH 408

Sermon "The Hardest of These is Love" Michelle Wolter

****Closing Hymn*** *Pass It On* UMH 572

****Benediction/Recessional***

Postlude *Blessed Be The Name* Mary McDonald