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Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost



Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Today's message: Shining Through the Shadows

Rev. Alma Johnson-Hawkins

Worship Service

10:00 AM

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Order of Worship

Entrance

Centering Words

Ms. Megan Pinock, Liturgist

Those who call on the name of the LORD will surely find rescue. In Mount Zion and Jerusalem, there is a promise of refuge for all, and among the survivors, the chosen ones are filled with hope. (Based on Joel 2:32)

*Call to Worship

Liturgist

L=Leader, C=Congregation

L: From the routines of work and school, home, and play,

C: we have come to worship God.

L: With the weight of the world heavy on our hearts,

C: we have come to worship God.

L: In the midst of our fears and our hopes,

C: we offer our prayer and praise in Jesus' name.

L: For we trust in God's power and presence,

All: so let us worship God with heart, mind, soul and strength.

*Opening Prayer

Pastor Alma

Inspirational Praise.

Praise Is What I Do

Way Maker

Yes, God Is Real

Congregation

*Affirmation of Faith

Congregation

Life Together:

All Saints' Sunday, November 2nd~ A Time to Honor and Remember Those Who Have Passed Away. Everyone is invited to join in worship and reflect on the contributions of the many witnesses whose presence and legacy endure among us. There will be a special tribute to Ms. Eutha Hankinson.

Scottbucks ~ November 2nd, let's gather after worship, in Sutton Hall, for fellowship and refreshments. (Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup, and fruit)

1st Wednesday Lunch and Bible Basics ~ Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 12:30 pm in Sutton Hall. Anyone who would like to sponsor a luncheon may indicate an amount on their envelope for the 1st Wednesday luncheon. In November, we will explore infant baptism. Acts 16:15, "*Once she and her household were baptized, she urged, 'Now that you have decided that I am a believer in the Lord, come and stay in my house.' And she persuaded us.*" (CEB) Participants will share perspectives and learn biblical facts that support and encourage the baptism of infants whom Christ has invited to come to Him. Bring a friend next month.

EMLT Meeting ~ Wednesday evening, November 5, at 6:00 p.m. Zoom Meeting ID: **874 9050 7650**, Meeting Passcode: **837453**, Dial in: **669-900-6833**.

Faith Readers: Bible Reading and Book Study ~ *It's not too late to decide to participate.* When was the last time you thought about the state of your soul? "Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark 8:37 King James). The new start date for the Fall Book Study is Thursday, November 6, 2025. If you were undecided about joining, you now have more time to pray and make a decision. "Soul Keeping" by John Ortberg is available for purchase on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and at your local public library. [Zoom ID 859 5913-3345 ~ Meeting Passcode: 552825 ~ Dial-in: 669-900-6833]

The 2025 Charge Conference is scheduled for Monday, November 24, 2025, via Zoom.

Outreach Ministry Team meets on the first Monday of every month, via Zoom. You are invited to participate in this Ministry and attend our meeting on Monday, December 1, 2025, at 7:00 pm. [**Zoom ID: 575 251 3265** ~ **Meeting Passcode:** wait for the host to let you in ~ **Dial-in: 669-900-6833**] We hope you'll join us on Zoom and in prayer and service. Alva Mayo, Outreach Ministry Team Leader (alvamay@aol.com)

Monday Morning Prayer Group ~ Every Monday at 8:00 a.m. Zoom Meeting ID: **823 4274 8470** ~ Meeting Passcode: **700091** ~ Dial in: **669-900-6833**. Consider bringing your prayer request in person on Monday morning.

Requests for Pastoral Care ~ If you or someone you know needs pastoral care, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can send a direct message to the Pastor at 626-755-4026, sharing your needs and concerns.

Pastor's Online Bible Study ~ Led by Rev. C. Hawkins, Wednesdays from 1:00 pm - 2:15 p.m. Zoom Meeting ID: 891 2370 4246 ~ Meeting Passcode: ~ 183551 ~ Dial in: 669-900 6833.

Friday Evening Online Bible Study ~ You are welcome to join this Bible Study group at any time. Participants meet at 7:00 p.m. every Friday via Zoom, led by Labarbara Madison. The Zoom meeting information is: Meeting ID: 575 251 3265 [Dial-in: 669-900-6833].

Scripture Reading Challenge ~ All are invited to consider signing up to read scripture during the worship services. #IreadmyBible #ReadScriptureDuringWorship #ReadScriptureOutLoud

Greetings of Friendship and Peace: With dreams and visions guiding our way. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with You

Liturgist: Let's greet each other and share this peace as signs of God's love.

Prayer Song Holy Spirit Rain Down **Congregation**

Intercessory Prayers for the People: **Prayer Ministry**

Holy Spirit, hear our prayer, and bless us as we pray together in the words that Jesus taught us, saying: Our Father...

Prayer of Yearning and Confession: **Liturgist**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Trusting in grace, we confess our sins. (Unison) Merciful God, prepare us for the long journey of life, even as we sometimes wish for the simplicity of a peaceful walk. Help us stay strong in our battles and keep running our race without giving up. Give us the strength to hold on to our faith. Speak your comforting words to us once again, O God, as we search for your calm presence amid the chaos of life. Bless us with dreams and guide us with visions, so we can face life's challenges with resilience and ultimately receive your reward.

Pause

Merciful God, You made us with unique gifts of intelligence and creativity. However, we admit that we often misuse these gifts to take advantage of Your creation and to elevate ourselves above others. We frequently see ourselves as important when we are not, or we feel inadequate when faced with challenges You give us. We fool ourselves into thinking our sins are minor compared to others, but every sin goes against the purpose You have for us. Please forgive us and help us to see ourselves more clearly. Amen.

Words of Assurance: **Pastor Alma**

Hear and believe the Gospel's good news: Friends in Christ, God is gracious. Christ has promised that those who humble themselves will be exalted. Having confessed our sin, let us trust the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

Song of Celebration: Great Is Thy Faithfulness **Congregation**

Scripture Reading: "Listen to the word of God, knowing His Kingdom is near,"

Old Testament Gospel Joel 2:23-32 (NRSVue)

New Testament Epistle 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 (NRSVue)

Reader: This is the Word of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Message: Shining Through the Shadows **Pastor Alma**

Responding to the Word **Pastor Alma**

Silent Reflection / Invitation to Discipleship

Offering / Doxology: **Ushers**

Closing Song: Just a Closer Walk With Thee **Congregation**

Sending for Service and Benediction **Pastor Alma**

* Stand as you are able and as you wish

"Bring a Friend to Worship Next Sunday!"

Monday Morning Intercessory Prayers

*Beverly Wallace
Tonice Hall*

*Joyce Archie
Ollie Carr (Home)*

*Doris Spratlin
Lois Young*

*Betty Ford
Susan Johnson*

*Grace Scarlett
Solomon Grimmert Jr*

*Diane Boston
Amber Boston
Kim Barr*

*Mrs. Clalretta Foster
Residential Care*

*The safety of all
students on all
campuses*

*Naasire
Meitzenhtimer
(Travel to Thailand)*

*Candidates in Cal-
Pac applying for
clergy orders*

*Mildred Moore
(Hospice)*

*Haley Farrant
(Stomach Cancer)*

*Kelly Cowherd
Kathy Cowherd
Suzanne Williams*

*Linda Johnson
Ryan Hairston*

*Altadena UMC
Congregation*

*Breast and Prostate
Cancer
Survivors*

*The safety of persons
at gatherings of
worship*

*Estero Bay UMC
UMC of Paso Robles*

*Young Christians
distracted from the
faith*

*Dee Washington
(Care Giver)*

Generous God, we thank You for the refreshing changes in weather that ease the dry heat of today's climate change and for the Spirit that brings life to Your people.

We pray for places facing famine, poverty, and conflict. Lord, provide what is needed and restore what is lost. Lord, for all suffering or oppressed for their Christian faith: bring comfort, strength, and safe deliverance. May they know Your presence and the support of our prayers.

We pray that Your church is recognized for restoration, generosity, humility, and being filled with Your Spirit.

Lord, we pray for all who suffer or are oppressed for their Christian faith. Lord, comfort and strengthen them and bring them safely through their trials.

Lord, help us appreciate and love the Scriptures more deeply, so that our hearts desire to hear, learn, and be open to the insights of God's Word.

We pray for the homebound: that they feel God's presence and receive support from this Christian community.

Lord, have mercy on those in desperate situations, including refugees at the border and those facing addiction. Hear their cries, lead them to freedom, and help them start anew.

God of compassion, hear our prayer and answer in mercy. Empower us to serve those in need, making your love real in their lives. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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