

Twenty- First Sunday After Pentecost – October 18, 2026 – 10:30A

Order of Worship

The Community Gathers

Lighting of Altar Candles

Prelude-

A Word of Greeting/Centering Words

[Minister 'Ainise Isama'u]

Hear God's call to be more than we have become. Be inspired anew to live in God's service.

Opening Hymn - W&S #3042 *Shout to the North* (all verses)

Giving God Glory As We Come to Worship

Call to Worship

[Scarlett Bone]

Leader: May the nations quake and the people tremble.

People: God sits enthroned in the heavens, bringing justice and righteousness.

Leader: May the mountains tremble and the seas roar.

People: God's glory is stronger than the foundation of the earth.

Leader: May the humble seek the living God.

People: God's goodness and mercy sustain the faithful in times of trial.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord.

Opening Prayer

[Scarlett Bone]

Mighty God, awe us with your glory as you pass before us, and reveal the radiance of your presence. May we embody your word as we strive to live as a holy people, and as we seek to share your message of love with the world. Amen.

A Message to the Children (In Us All)

[Minister 'Ainise Isama'u]

The Word of God for the People of God

Congregational Hymn - TFWS #2130 *The Summons* (verses 1,2,4,5)

Scripture Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

[Rev. Allison Mark]

Greeting

¹From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy.

To the Thessalonians' church that is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace to all of you.

Thanksgiving to God

²We always thank God for all of you when we mention you constantly in our prayers. ³This is because we remember your work that comes from faith,^[a] your effort that comes from love, and your perseverance that comes from hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father. ⁴Brothers and sisters, you are loved by God, and we know that he has chosen you.

⁵We know this because our good news didn't come to you just in speech but also with power

and the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know as well as we do what kind of people we were when we were with you, which was for your sake. ⁶ You became imitators of us and of the Lord when you accepted the message that came from the Holy Spirit with joy in spite of great suffering. ⁷ As a result you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸ The message about the Lord rang out from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place. The news about your faithfulness to God has spread so that we don't even need to mention it. ⁹ People tell us about what sort of welcome we had from you and how you turned to God from idols. As a result, you are serving^[b] the living and true God, ¹⁰ and you are waiting for his Son from heaven. His Son is Jesus, who is the one he raised from the dead and who is the one who will rescue us from the coming wrath.

L: The word of God for all People.

P: Thanks be to God.

Special Music – “Refiner’s Fire”
Sermon – Chosen: Always Give Thanks
Pastoral Prayer – Lord’s Prayer

[Whitney Nakayama & Band]
[Rev. Allison Mark]

We Respond to God’s Grace

Offering our Gifts –

[Minister ‘Ainise Isama’u]

Offertory – *What is Mine to Give*

Doxology – UMH #95 *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Prayer of Dedication [Scarlett Bone]
God of manifold blessings, enrich the works of our hands, that we may speak your truth and share your love with the world. Accept and bless these gifts, that they may aid those in need, even as they are visible signs of the honor you are due. Amen.

Going Forth in God’s Holy Name

Faith in Action – The Ministry of Faith UMC
Closing Hymn- TFWS #2032 *My Life is in You, Lord*
Commission and Blessings
Passing of the Peace – Postlude

[Minister ‘Ainise Isama’u]
[Rev. Allison Mark]