

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost – October 25, 2026 – 10:30A

Order of Worship

The Community Gathers

Lighting of Altar Candles

Prelude

A Word of Greeting/Centering Words

[Rev. Allison Mark]

Love God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength. Love your neighbor as you love yourself.

Sounds so simple, but turns out to be kind of complex.

Opening Hymn- *Every Praise* (shortened version, all verses)

Giving God Glory As We Come to Worship

Call to Worship

[Tam Kobayashi]

Leader: Come to us, O God.

People: Breathe through our worship with your Holy Spirit

Leader: Fill us with your faithful love.

People: Guide us with your ancient teachings.

Leader: Come to us, O God.

People: Be in our prayer and praise.

Opening Prayer

[Tam Kobayashi]

God of ages past and days to come, help us embrace your ancient wisdom and your ongoing guidance. Help us hear anew your words from years gone by. Open our hearts and minds to fully embrace what it means to love you, to love ourselves, and to love our neighbors as you have loved us. In love and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

A Message to the Children (In Us All)

[Rev. Allison Mark]

The Word of God for the People of God

Congregational Hymn- TFWS #2188 *Family Prayer Song* (all verses)

Scripture Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

[Tam Kobayashi]

Paul's ministry in Thessalonica

2 As you yourselves know, brothers and sisters, our visit with you wasn't a waste of time. **2** On the contrary, we had the courage through God to speak God's good news in spite of a lot of opposition, although we had already suffered and were publicly insulted in Philippi, as you know. **3** Our appeal isn't based on false information, the wrong motives, or deception. **4** Rather, we have been examined and approved by God to be trusted with the good news, and that's exactly how we speak. We aren't trying to please people, but we are trying to please God, who continues to examine our hearts. **5** As you know, we never used flattery, and God is our witness that we didn't

have greedy motives. ⁶ We didn't ask for special treatment from people—not from you or from others— ⁷ although we could have thrown our weight around as Christ's apostles. Instead, we were gentle with you like a nursing mother caring for her own children. ⁸ We were glad to share not only God's good news with you but also our very lives because we cared for you so much.

L: The word of God for all People.

P: Thanks be to God.

Special Music- *Goodness of God*

[Choir & Band]

Sermon- Tested: Always Give Thanks

Pastoral Prayer – Lord's Prayer

(Sing Happy Birthday for October birthdays)

We Respond to God's Grace

Offering our Gifts –

[Rev. Allison Mark]

Offertory- *What is Mine to Give*

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

Prayer of Dedication

[Tam Kobayashi]

Gracious God, bless the offerings of ourselves and our gifts. May they be offerings of love, for you and for your people. In loving gratitude, we pray. Amen.

Going Forth in God's Holy Name

Faith in Action – The Ministry of Faith UMC

[Rev. Allison Mark]

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

Commission and Blessings

[Minister 'Ainise Isama'u]

Passing of the Peace – Postlude