GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD Sunday, October 25, 2026

Prelude

Choral Introit

Welcome/Announcements Melinda Sciera

*Call to Worship Colleen Hay
Leader: Come, let us praise the Lord, whose love never fails!
People: We give thanks to God for loving us with grace and mercy.
Leader: God's love reaches beyond our understanding and embraces all people.
People: We praise You, O God, for Your boundless love and faithfulness.
Leader: Let us worship the God who calls us to love as we have been loved.
All: With grateful hearts, we praise Your holy name and commit ourselves to sharing Your love with everyone.

*Praise Songs Pre-recorded

Prayer Colleen Hay
Loving God, thank You for Your boundless love and grace. Forgive us when we find it difficult to love those who hurt us or oppose us. Fill our hearts with Your love, help us overcome anger with kindness, and teach us to pray for our enemies. May our words and actions reflect Your love to everyone we meet. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Anthem: "Closer to You" Choir

Children's Moment John Sciera

*Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH 89

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:43-48 Colleen Hay

43 "You have heard that it was said, *You must love your neighbor* and
hate your enemy. 44 But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for
those who harass you 45 so that you will be acting as children of your
Father who is in heaven. He makes the sun rise on both the evil and
the good and sends rain on both the righteous and the unrighteous.
46 If you love only those who love you, what reward do you have?
Don't even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet only
your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing? Don't even the
Gentiles do the same? 48 Therefore, just as your heavenly Father is
complete in showing love to everyone, so also you must be
complete.

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Message: Love Your Enemies Pastor Sung Ho Lee

The People Bring Their Gifts
The baskets will be passed or you may use the UMCL app

*"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

Sharing Joys and Concerns Colleen Hay

The Lord's Prayer: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (TFWS 2129)

*Benediction

Postlude

*please stand if you are able