Good Samaritan welcomes and affirms all persons regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race or socioeconomic background. We seek to reconcile any differences that divide us.

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Thank you…
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Nursery: Shelley Scharping
Fellowship Hosts: Caroline Carlin, Janet VanBenthuysen

WORSHIP
10:00 AM

October 11, 2026

Our Vision

Inspiring Joyful Faith

Building a Loving Community

Serving Neighbors Near and Far

Today's Scripture

Psalm 16
Matthew 18:10-22

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Who we are. What we do.

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WELCOME !

Nursery care is available for ages 6 weeks-3 years.

Large print hymnals and bulletins are available from the ushers.

Hearing assist devices are available at the sound booth.

Thank you for supporting our ministries! Offering plates are available by the Sanctuary doors as you exit or scan this QR code to give securely online.

Please join us for refreshments in Aldersgate Hall after worship.

***Standing or sitting.**

PRELUDE "Consolation" FELIX MEDELSSOHN

GREETING & WELCOME

*HYMN "Give Thanks" FWS 2036

*CALL TO WORSHIP
One: We may be thirsty and parched,
like an unwatered garden,
so we come into God's presence:
All: The Divine One is a spring of water!
We may be weary from worry and work
so we come into God's presence:
The Holy One offers us Sabbath rest!
We may be lost or confused
so we come into God's presence:
The Wise One offers us welcome and guidance!
We may be bent over with struggle or pain
so we come into God's presence:
The Healing One empowers us to stand strong!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION
O God of all goodness, you welcome us, forgive us and heal us. You seek us out from places where we have hidden from you. You crown us with steadfast love and mercy. Reveal yourself to us in this moment.
Let us know your presence so that we may bless you: Bless you, O God! Bless your holy name! Amen.

HYMN "Wounded World that Cries for Healing" FWS 2177

CHILDREN'S TIME Jan Russell
After Children's Time, children are invited to Sunday School in 200.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

SPECIAL MUSIC "Wild Mountain Thyme" SCOTTISH/IRISH TRADITIONAL ARR. SANDRA EITHUN

MISSION MOMENT Matt Rega from Stonebridge World School

SCRIPTURE Psalm 16; Matthew 18:10-22 (NRSVUE)
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Showing Up" Rev. Max Richter

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Journey Home" PAUL A. MCKLVEEN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our God*, 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.
*(*Mother, Father, Creator, etc. - use the word that is most meaningful for you.)*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

*HYMN "Take My Life, and Let It Be" UMH 399

*BLESSING
One: May God, who comes to us in the things of this world,
All: bless our eyes and be in our seeing.
May Christ, who looks upon you with deepest love,
bless our eyes and widen our gaze.
May the Spirit, who perceives what is and what may yet be,
bless our eyes and sharpen our vision.
May the Sacred Three bless our eyes and cause us to see.

*POSTLUDE "Postlude on LAUDA ANIMA" LANI SMITH

Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation: written by The Rev. Catherine Rolling, and posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways website. http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/year-c/p/pentecost-ordinary-time-11.html. Retrieved from https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search?q=presence.
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Good Sam Happenings

You're in a GOOD place to … connect, grow, worship …

Starts Today!
"More Than a Fish - Responding to a World in Need"

Join Pastor Jim in the Fireside Room following worship today.

In a troubled world, we may end up with more questions than answers, but God's people are called to believe that things can be different and that with God we are not powerless. This three-part series will take place after worship October 11, 18, and 25.

Stewardship Season Continues

As we savor the fall harvest, we give thanks for God's many blessings in our lives. As part of this gratitude, we continue our stewardship season throughout this month. Each week will focus on a different aspect of our United Methodist membership vows to be faithful stewards in our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness of how we live our faith in the world every day.

Soon you will receive a pledge card for your 2027 estimate of giving. We will bless these cards in worship on **October 25**, but you are welcome to mail them beforehand or notify us electronically of your intentions at **good.org/give/make-a-pledge**. Receiving your intentions in October helps us budget carefully as we continue to grow our ministries and achieve our goals for 2027 and beyond. We are grateful for your continued generosity!

Radical Hospitality

We don't think of the Election Cycle or Election Day as an opportunity to practice Radical Hospitality. But it is at Good Samaritan. For several years, we have been the polling place for Edina's 5th precinct. And so it is again on November 3, 2026. As part of Radical Hospitality, we welcome people coming through our Church, provide lunch and dinner to our election judges, staff and workers, and provide fresh coffee, cookies, and cold beverages to our guests.

You will want to be part of this tradition! We need help with greeters, coffee makers, meal makers, and cleaner-uppers throughout the day! Sign-up is easy. Just go to **tinyurl.com/GSElections2026**. We especially need kitchen help. But hurry, the slots will fill fast!

Any questions, please contact JoAnn (612-240-9372) or Dave Knutson (612-859-2940). And don't forget to vote on November 3!

Sunday School Helpers Needed

Jan is looking for more helpers for the Sunday School classroom. If you can help out on a Sunday here or there, please reach out to her at jan@good.org or 952-452-9398.

Feed My Starving Children Meal Packing

Join other Good Samaritan folks at Feed My Starving Children for meal packing on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 9:30–11:15 a.m. and Friday, Oct. 30, 5:00–6:30 p.m. The Chanhassen site is at 18732 Lake Dr E. Contact Jane Heimerl at jane.heimerl@yahoo.com to sign up.

Meals on Wheels Delivery

Good Samaritans are scheduled to deliver meals to homebound folks on Friday, October 16 and 30. Contact Vicki Dunn to volunteer – victoria.dunn@myctl.net.