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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Find us on:

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Liturgist: Marilee Stevens
Special Music: Chancel Choir
Nursery: Peter Heim, Pat Olson
Fellowship Host: Jeff Jelen

WORSHIP 10:00 AM

October 25, 2026

Our Vision

Inspiring Joyful Faith

Building a Loving Community

Serving Neighbors Near and Far

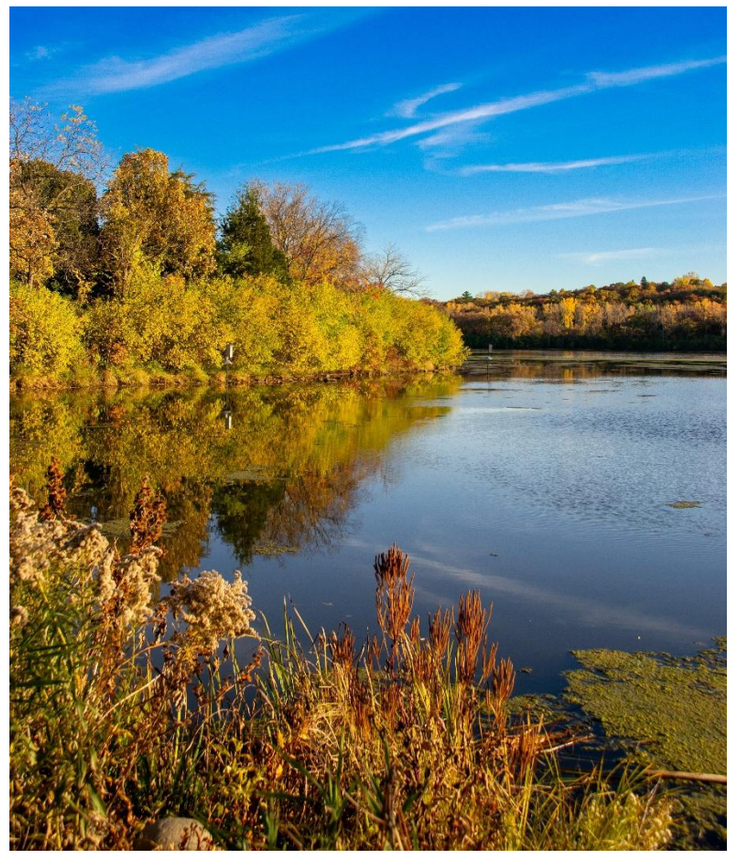
Today's Scripture

1 Peter 4:8-11
2 Corinthians 9:8-11

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GOOD SAMARITAN

Who we are. What we do.



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WELCOME!

Nursery care is available for ages 6 weeks through 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 Organ Sonata II: "Ruhig bewegt" PAUL HINDEMITH

GREETING & WELCOME

*HYMN "Gather Us In" FWS 2236

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather together in the presence of our Shepherd God,
All: who calls us each by name,
who restores our souls,
who leads us in the way of life,
and whose goodness and love never stop pursuing us.
This is the God we have come to worship!

HYMN "Come and Fill Our Hearts" FWS 2157
sing 3x

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 "Locus Iste" Anton Bruckner

Locus iste a Deo factus est,
Inaestimabile sacramentum,
irreprehensibilis est.

This place was made by God,
a priceless sacrament;
it is without reproach.

SCRIPTURE 1 Peter 4:8-11; 2 Corinthians 9:8-11(MSG)

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Stewards of Grace" Rev. Max Richter

*HYMN "You Are the Seed" UMH 583

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.)*

OFFERING/BLESSING OF 2027 PLEDGES

You may place your pledge card in the offering plates as they circulate the Sanctuary.
Thank you for your ongoing, generous support of our ministries.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

*HYMN "This Little Light of Mine" AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, 3x
   let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. Everywhere I go…
3. All through the night…

*BLESSING

Just as God's Word was sent into the world
to heal and restore,
so God sends you into the world this day
to be light and love, healing and hope.
Go now to be light for the world!
And may the grace and peace of God the Creator,
the Redeemer, and the Sustainer
come upon you this day
and remain with you always. Amen.

POSTLUDE Prelude on "PROMISED LAND" SAM BATT OWENS

Call to Worship: https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/05/worship-resourches-for-may-15-2011.html
Blessing: taken from "O Merciful God: God of Wisdom: Prayers for the Fourth Sunday in Lent," written by Rev. Kathryn Matthews Huey and the Rev. Susan A. Blain. Posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways website. Retrieved from https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/benedictions.
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Good Samaritan Happenings

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

Stewardship Season Continues

Today we will receive and bless our 2027 pledge cards during the Offering time. Extra pledge cards are available from the ushers. You can make your pledge any time with a pledge card or online 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!

FMSC Meal Packing

Join other Good Samaritan folks at Feed My Starving Children for meal packing this **Friday, October 30, 5:00-6:30 p.m.** The Chanhassen site is at 18732 Lake Dr. E. Contact Jane Heimerl to sign up at jane.heimerl@yahoo.com.



Election Day Helpers Still Needed



Volunteers are still needed on Tuesday, November 3, as we host polling for the midterm elections. We need help in the kitchen baking cookies, servicing the coffee table, helping serve lunch or dinner, and cleaning up. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex and online at **tinyurl.com/GSElections2026**. Or contact Dave at 612-879-2940 or dhknutson73@gmail.com.

Reading Helpers Needed



There is a sign-up in the Narthex for volunteers to tutor reading at Stonebridge World Elementary School in Minneapolis. You can make a difference in these kids' lives! Spend 2-3 hours per week and sit with 4-6 kids for a half hour each while they read to you. If you can read...you can tutor! Subs are also needed to fill in when the regular tutors cannot make it. Contact JoAnn Knutson - 612-240-9372 or joannknutson@hotmail.com.

Item Donations Needed

Thanks to your donations, the Missions Team is helping three Stonebridge families this month. There will be a list of their needs and a sign-up to provide them on Sunday in the Narthex. You can also find the list and sign up to donate at **tinyurl.com/GSMissionsItems**. Contact JoAnn Knutson with questions: 612-240-9372 or joannknutson@hotmail.com.

All of Me - Neon Stories

Neon is a student group ministry at the University of Minnesota that is a program of the Wesley Foundation, sponsored by the United Methodist Church. The group is committed to social justice and empowering LGBTQ+ and BIPOC folks. Join them for a powerful night of stories about the beauty of intersectionality, the experiences that tie us all together, and a chance to celebrate our whole identities. **Thursday, November 12, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Coffman Memorial Union • www.neonstories.org.** All are invited - whether you're a college student or a community member, we can all show up for each other, share a meal, and find strength in our solidarity.