

United Presbyterian Church

October 18, 2026 21th Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome and Announcements

Elder Allen Pease

Prelude Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to Worship (Psalm 10)

Deacon Andy Hill, liturgist

Liturgist: Sing to the Lord a new song! Everyone, even the rocks and trees, sing!

People: Let us shout out in praise!

Liturgist: God does great things for us. See God's amazing works all around us.

People: Great is the Lord!

Liturgist: Tell of God's wonders! Share stories of God's glory.

People: Let us worship the Lord!

**Opening Hymn Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples of the Lord #434*

Call to Confession (liturgist)

We come to worship because we believe in the goodness of God. We have seen it. We come knowing that we don't always bear that goodness in our lives. We have made mistakes. And so, we confess, knowing that God is good and merciful and kind. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins, first together and then in silent prayer...

Prayer of Confession – In unison with liturgist

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been the faithful disciples you call us to be. We have not remembered who we are. We are distracted by glittering gold. We are mesmerized by fame and fortune. We turn a blind eye to systems that perpetuate injustice. We fail to hear the cries for mercy of those who bear unfair burdens. We close our hearts and imagine

empathy to be weakness. Forgive us Lord. Remind us that we are yours, citizens of the kin-dom of God. Give us courage to be kin-dom builders here and now, showing mercy and grace in a world in deep need. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer ... *(silent confession)* ... Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (liturgist)

Friends, hear the good news. God loves us. Even in our imperfection, God loves us and won't let us go. Know that we are forgiven and made new, sent forth to love and serve. Alleluia. Amen.

**Gloria Patri* #579

**Passing of the Peace*

Liturgist: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Liturgist: Let us share that peace with one another.

Prayer for Illumination (liturgist)

Lord, as we come to hear your Word for us, still in us all that distracts us. Open our ears to hear your Word for us, read and proclaimed. And open our hearts to be transformed to be your people, to love and serve with faithful obedience. Amen.

Music for Meditation

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:15–22 – Deacon Hill

The Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

Sermon: Whose Image Do You Bear? Pastor Alejandra Haddad

**Hymn of Response* *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love* #367

Affirmation of Faith (Confession of 1967) – Pastor Haddad

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of His coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People and *The Lord's Prayer* – Pastor Haddad

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Call to Offering – Pastor Haddad

Offertory

**Doxology* #592

Prayer of Dedication

**Closing Hymn* Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty #482

Charge and Benediction Pastor Haddad

Postlude Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

UPC Prayer List - Email requests to: upcbloomington@gmail.com.

Roby Troy Virginia Kathleen Seth

His Eyes in Honduras Nyaka Global in Uganda Pantry 279

All people who are suffering from armed conflict

Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, led by Rev. Robert Brill, is the second oldest church in Harrison County and has remained in continuous existence for 197 years. The church is in Laconia and was founded in 1829. The Hebrew root for the word "Rehoboth" means broad places, open spaces, freedom and spaciousness. Perhaps this name was originally chosen because of the beautiful land which surrounds the church building.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Pantry 279 is providing Thanksgiving dinner boxes for families in need. They need to fill those boxes as well as everyday food items. We'll be collecting food items in our little red wagon The next two weeks.

Thanksgiving: Canned yams, can openers, deserts (pie filling, pudding, cake mix,), cranberry sauce, gravy packets, stuffing, green beans, corn, jiffy cornbread mix, cream of mushroom soup, mac 'n cheese, spices, salt & pepper shakers.



Everyday items: Pasta, pasta sauce, canned meats & beans, soups, ramen, rice dishes like Knorr noodles or rice-a-roni, oatmeal, baking items, sugar, peanut butter.

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