

Order of Worship
Friendship United Methodist Church
Sunday, October 11, 2026

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Gathering
Greeting/Announcements

"This Is The Day"

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 106

L: Praise the Lord!

P: *O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.*

L: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.

P: *And let all the people say, "Amen."
Praise the Lord!*

All: *O Come, let us worship the Lord!*

*** Opening Prayer**

Shirley Waldrum

***Hymn of Praise & Celebration**

UMH #339

"Come, Sinners to the Gospel Feast"

*Come, sinners, to the gospel feast;
let every soul be Jesus' guest.
Ye need not one be left behind,
for God hath bid all humankind.*

*Sent by my Lord, on you I call;
the invitation is to all.
Come, all the world! Come, sinner, thou!
All things in Christ are ready now.*

*Come, all ye souls by sin oppressed,
ye restless wanderers after rest;
ye poor, and maimed, and halt, and blind,
in Christ a hearty welcome find.*

*My message as from God receive;
ye all may come to Christ and live.
O let his love your hearts constrain,
nor suffer him to die in vain.*

*This is the time, no more delay!
This is the Lord's accepted day.
Come thou, this moment, at his call,
and live for him who died for all.*

***Affirmation of Faith**

UMH #881

L: Let us unite in this historic affirmation of the Christian faith.

All: *I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven
and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he
ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the
holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the
life everlasting. Amen.*

***Gloria Patri**

UMH # 70

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been

invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

L: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

P: *Thanks be to God!*

Offertory

Linda Pease

*The Doxology

UMH # 95

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him, above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Kids' Time

Rev. Spore

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns/Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

During this time, the congregation is invited to offer up their concerns for others by speaking their name or by typing their name into the "chat" box on Facebook. Please offer only their first name to protect

their privacy. After each name is raised, let the congregation respond:

"Lord, hear our prayer."

Hymn of Celebration

UMH #398

"Jesus Calls Us"

*Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me!"*

*As of old the apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.*

*Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more!"*

*In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these!"*

*Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.*

Hymn of Preparation

FWS #2005

"Sanctuary"

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.*

Message

Rev. Spore

"Is Grace Really Free?"

Hymn of Discipleship

UMH # 398

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.*

Refrain:

*Come home, come home;
you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, come home!*

*Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]*

*Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,
passing from you and from me;
shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming,
coming for you and for me. [Refrain]*

*O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]*

Benediction

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*As we look forward to our annual Heritage Sunday on October 18, we
invite you to think of people you know who have had a special
relationship with the Friendship family. Friends, family, former
members, all these may be people who have had a part in*

*Friendship's heritage. Reach out to these with a special invitation to
join you for this celebration of our life together, remembering our
heritage and embracing our future!*

Opportunities for Involvement and Ministry

Each Sunday

9:50 – Sunday School

11:00 – Worship

Each Wednesday

10:00 – Friendship Crafters

12:00 – Bible Study

Wednesday, October 14

1:30 – Church Council

Sunday, October 18 – Heritage Sunday

11:00 – Worship in the Sanctuary

12:00 – Covered Dish Lunch

1:00 – Music at the Pavilion

Worship Leaders

Rev. Roy Spore –Pastor

Shirley Waldrum - Music leader

Linda Pease –Pianist

Karen Spore – Technical Assistant

Jane Pollard – Lay Reader

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