ANNOUNCEMENTS (PLEASE SEE THE UPDATED ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET)

+ Our **Mission of the Month** is for the **James A. Brennan Humane Society**.
+ The next **Free Community Meal** is **Saturday, November 7.**
+ We are hosting the **Interfaith Council Bible Study** on **Tuesday, November 10** at **7:00 PM.**
+ The next **Bible Study** is **Thursday, November 19.** We will study Luke 20-24.
+ Please stay after the service today and join us for a time of fellowship provided by A.F.P.&S Committee

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WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:30 AM

NOVEMBER 15, 2026



Welcome to worship!

Whether you are here in the sanctuary or joining us online, we are glad you are with us!

PRELUDE "Traumerei" — R. SCHUMANN
BELINDA VAIR

CHORAL INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT)
BASED ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord, who makes all things new!

People: In Christ, we are a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come!

Leader: God has entrusted to us the ministry of reconciliation. We are called to receive God's grace and share that grace with the world.

People: Let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us worship the God who forgives, restores, and makes us new!

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you who are made righteous by God's grace!

All: Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN #331** "God of the Ages Whose Almighty Hand"
(PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT)

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious and merciful God, you are the God who makes all things new, yet we confess how often we cling to the old ways. We see others through the eyes of the world rather than with the eyes of Christ. We judge instead of showing compassion, hold grudges instead of offering forgiveness, and build walls instead of seeking reconciliation. Create in us new hearts. Restore our joy. Teach us to live as ambassadors of reconciliation, sharing with others the forgiveness and love we have received from you. We offer this prayer trusting in your steadfast love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Let us take a moment for silent confession and personal reflection.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting our sins against us.

People: Thanks be to God! We are forgiven, reconciled, and made new through Jesus Christ. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end, amen! Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OAKLEY COLE

Leader: Speak to us, living God, as you have spoken to our ancestors: through the voices of your prophets, the breath of your Spirit, and the life of your Son, so that we may live according to your word; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING OAKLEY COLE

Psalm 32 (Pew Bible Page **#506)**
2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (Pew Bible Page **#181**)

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

ANTHEM "The Heart of Worship" MATT REDMOND

SERMON "She Chose the Better Part" THE REV. DAVID BENNETT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS)

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 and ever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #623** "I've Got Peace Like a River" (PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Morning Has Broken" TRADITIONAL GAELIC HYMN
BELINDA VAIR