North Liberty First
A United Methodist Community of Faith

September 13, 2026

Whether you are joining us in person or on-line,
know that we are here to journey along with you as we live into our mission: to follow and invite others to follow Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Remembering our Baptism

***Call to Worship**

We come together to praise God who is
the source of our life and our love.

We lift our voices in praise for God, who loves us always.

We come to celebrate and support families
who practice love in their homes and communities.

**We lift our voices in thanks for the
love we feel in our families.**

We come praying for families who
feel no love for themselves or others.

**We lift our voices in sorrow for those who hurt because of the actions of others. Let us worship, trusting in God's love
and mercy. Praise be to God!**

***Hymn** **God of Grace and God of Glory** **UMH 577**

***Hymn** **This is the Day** **UMH 657**

First Lesson **1 Corinthians 1:13**

Word for Children

Second Lesson **1 John 4:7-19**

Message for the Lord's Day **Reverend Deborah Coble**

***Response to the Word** **Gloria Patri** **UMH 70**

**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.**

***Hymn** **Child of Blessing, Child of Promise** **UMH 611**

Gifting 3rd Grade and Confirmation Bibles

**We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.
We pray God will guide you, your family, and us
as you use this Holy Bible in your home,
in your Sunday School and confirmation classes,**

and in our worship. We will learn together
and grow in our love for God's Word. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Together, let us pray for
the people of this congregation...
for those who are suffering...
for the concerns of our local community…
for those who don't know where their next meal
will come from and those who are looking for shelter …
for our troops, police, EMTs, firefighters,
and others in harm's way…
for the world, its people and its leaders…
for the earth you have given to our care…
for the Church universal; its leaders, its members,
and its mission…
for peace and goodwill to all…
in communion with the saints…

The Lord's Prayer

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 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.

Mission and Ministry Moment: Small Groups – Lynn Jansen

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology**

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious Provider, we gather with hearts filled with gratitude for the love and light you've shown us. Your Word reminds us that true love is seen in the self-sacrifice of Christ. As we offer our tithes and offerings, we are reminded of the importance of generosity and stewardship in every aspect of our lives.

May these gifts be a reflection of the love we have experienced in Christ and our commitment to steward them faithfully for the work of your kingdom. Use these offerings to bring justice, mercy, and hope to a world in need. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn** **Tell Me the Stories of Jesus** **UMH 277**

***Benediction**

Life is short and we have too little time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.
So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind,

and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.
Amen.