



PRAYER CORNER

Prayers for health concerns:
Elliot Noble

Delmer Paulson

For those who are
remembering loved ones...

Giving thanks & praying for:

Persons who do not have a
relationship with God and
are searching for some-
thing in life...

Care Center Residents...

Our nation and leaders...

Our school teachers,
administrators, students...

Service women & men and
their families...

Local health care
professionals, group home,
& care center workers...

Those fighting addictions
and mental illness...

Law enforcement &
emergency workers...

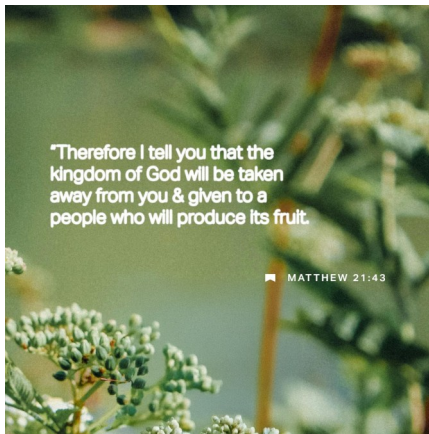
Area congregations...

If you have a loved one you
would like to have added to
the Prayer Corner list, please
contact the Church Office at

*GOD
loves
you*

This Week

SUN	October 4
8:30 am	Worship with Communion and Sunday School
9:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
SUN	October 11
8:30 am	Worship
9:30 am	Coffee Fellowship



Worship Attendance	Last Sunday
LIVE STREAM VIEWS	26
IN PERSON	22
TOTAL	48



Sunday, October 4, 2026
Worship - 8:30 a.m.



livestream links

Dodge Center UMC on FaceBook
Dodge Center UMC on YouTube

PASTOR:

Rev. Dr. Daren Flink

ACCOMPANIST:

Janet Bugarin

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The 19th Sunday
after
Pentecost

October 4, 2026

8:30 a.m.

Worship Leader:
Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck

Organist:
Janet Bugarin

⋈ Please stand as you are able

UMH - The United Methodist Hymnal

CENTERING WORDS ¹

We gather to learn about God.
We gather to know Christ more deeply.
We gather to remember and give thanks that
we are a part of the community of faith -
a community that reaches around the world.

PRELUDE

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

UMH #186 - "Alleluia, Alleluia"

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

From dens of slavery, through burning deserts,
people of faith came forth.

**From lives encompassing both wealth and impoverishment,
we come to this place of worship.**

Hear the great lessons of faith, offered to you through the
centuries. We have not hidden the struggles from you, but invite
you to place yourselves on the pathways of hope.

**Though our individual lives may differ,
we all come seeking God's loving guidance and forgiveness.**

Welcome to this house of God,
a place of continuing hope and courage.

**Bless each one of us, O Lord, that we may fully receive your
word and seek your will for our lives.**



We are excited to offer Sunday School again this year! It will be held every first and third Sunday of the month during our worship time. **Today, October 4th will be our first class.** The children are invited to join us for a time of learning about Jesus and his love for us, as well as other important lessons from the Bible. They will also enjoy singing and crafts. Come join in the fun! Ages 3 years old through 6th grade are welcome.

You're Invited!!

Join us for a...

Community Dinner

Menu: Hot dish, green beans, dinner rolls and cake.

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

Time: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Dodge Center United Methodist Church
Corner of 1st Street and 1st Avenue NE

Free will donations accepted.

**Donations this month will go to the
Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge.**

Link to sign up to set up, donate food, serve or clean up is below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094CA5AC2AA1FA7-66096744-umcfree>

Behind Today's WORSHIP Music

186 "Alleluia, Alleluia"

Jerry Sinclair wrote the song during the early 1970s, a time of great religious revival known as the Jesus People Movement. The song - consisting of simple, repetitive lines praising Jesus as Savior and Lord - helped pioneer and popularize the modern short worship chorus trend in evangelical and charismatic churches. In Scripture, the psalmists apparently thought the word "alleluia" was the perfect word for worship. It means "Praise the Lord", and in Psalm 150, the last psalm, the psalmist used the word "praise" 13 times in its 6 verses. In this worship chorus, Jerry used the word "Alleluia" 8 times. It's the simplest praise song you'll ever sing.

536 "Precious Name"

There are many names in scripture given to Jesus, each one revealing a different facet of the nature of Christ. The name of Jesus brings us joy, just as does thinking of someone we love. New York Baptist poet Lydia Baxter asserts that living under Jesus' name brings comfort and joy and shields us from temptation. In the life to come, the Christian will bow at the name of Jesus. The central message of the hymn is found in the refrain: "Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven." Baxter spent the later years of her life as a bedridden invalid dealing with chronic illness and physical pain.

473 "Lead Me, Lord"

This call to scripture is based on portions of Psalm 5:8 and Psalm 4:8. Samuel Sebastian Wesley, the grandson of Charles Wesley and one of England's greatest church musicians, wrote this music as a part of a longer anthem. Composed in 1861, Wesley wrote the major work to celebrate the inauguration of a new organ at Holy Trinity Church in Winchester, England, while he was the organist at Winchester Cathedral. A short, meditative pastiche of reconfigured verses from the Psalter (primarily drawing from Psalms 4:8, 5:8, and general elements of Psalms 3 and 103) structured as a quiet prayer for divine guidance.

529 "How Firm a Foundation"

This hymn was first published in London in 1787 in John Rippon's hymnal, A Selection of Hymns from the Best Authors, where the author was credited only with the initial "K". The text is a skillful paraphrase of portions of Isaiah 43:1-3, plus other biblical phrases, including "firm foundation" from 2 Timothy 2:19 and "I will never forsake you" from Heb. 13:5. This text, set to the strong American folk tune foundation, provides a message of hope and courage. It was a favorite of several U.S. presidents, including Theodore Roosevelt and Andrew Jackson, and was sung at Roosevelt's funeral.

These descriptions are found in the book
"The Hymns of the United Methodist Hymnal" by Diana Sanchez
and other sources from the internet.

✚ PRAISE

UMH #536 - "Precious Name"

✚ OPENING PRAYER ³

Lord, from the mountaintop in ancient Israel, you gave your people ways in which to live in harmony with all creation. As time has progressed the power of those words seems to have faded in our lives. We see how this world has given into temptations of power and greed. Let that not be our pathway. Bring us back to your words of compassion and hope, offered to all creation by your Son Jesus. Open our hearts to receive your love and your direction in our lives. Amen.

*Children dismissed for Sunday School.

PRAISE

UMH #473 - "Lead Me, Lord"

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Hear God's Word

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION ⁴

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

THE GOSPEL LESSON (Page 24 - Pew Bible)

Matthew 21:33-46

Reader-Tyler Hispert

MESSAGE

"The Fall of the Harvest"

We Respond to God's Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH #881 - "The Apostles' Creed"

HOLY COMMUNION

All who intend to lead a Christian life, together with their children, are invited to receive the bread and cup.

Everyone is welcome to the table of the Lord.

We Go Forth to Serve God

✚ PRAISE

UMH #529 - "How Firm a Foundation"

✚ THE BENEDICTION - ✚ POSTLUDE

Charting the Course

Sunday, October 4th, 2026

"The Fall of the Harvest"

Based on Matthew 21:33-46



I. The Fall Harvest...

- a. We owe all farmers a _____ for the special work they do for the world we live in.

II. Jesus Teaches about the Harvest...

- a. Jesus tells a story about those who have taken advantage of the landowner's _____ and _____.
- b. God is the landowner who has leased his vineyard, his _____ to Israel as _____.
- c. Those who were _____ with the Gospel message were not providing any _____.

III. What Are We Entrusted With?...

- a. The _____ of Jesus Christ and our _____, _____ goods.

IV. What Are Doing With What We've Been Entrusted With?...

- a. A good _____, a solid _____, does something with the Gospel and the goods!
- b. What kind of _____ are we producing?

V. Charting Our Course in Life This Week

This is how I plan to use the gifts God has given me:

Answers:

1a) huge debt

2a) trust, generosity

3a) Gospel, personal, worldly

4a) tenant, steward

2b) kingdom, laborers

2c) entrusted, harvest

4b) crop

GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

Matthew 21:33-46 NRSV

³³ Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes?'

⁴³ "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL [YOUR] HEART...

PROVERBS 3:5

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