



PRAYER CORNER

Prayers for health concerns:

Elliot Noble
The Beadel Family
Steve Delzer

For those who are
remembering loved ones...

The family of Delmer Paulson

Giving thanks & praying for:

Area farmers for a safe
harvest...

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

Those fighting addictions
and/or mental illness...

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...

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
507.374.6885 or
secdcumc@gmail.com212

This Week

SUN	October 11
8:30 am	Worship
9:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
TUES	October 13
5:30 pm	Ad Council
9:30 am	WWAP at church
SUN	October 18
8:30 am	Worship
9:30 am	Coffee Fellowship



I Will Praise Him in Every Season
Psalm 146:2

Worship Attendance	Last Sunday
LIVE STREAM VIEWS	49
IN PERSON	26
TOTAL	75



Sunday, October 11, 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 **20th Sunday**
after
Pentecost

TFWS - The Faith We Sing

October 11, 2026

8:30 a.m.

Worship Leader:
Rev. Dr. Daren Flinck

Organist:
Janet Bugarin

 Please stand as you are able

CENTERING WORDS ¹

*The good news, is that even if we make a mistake,
God is not going to give up on us.
He's not going to throw out his promises.*

PRELUDE - WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Come to Worship God

PRAISE

TFWS #2203 - *"In His Time"*

CALL TO WORSHIP ²

*We gather in the presence of the living God, the one who brought
us out of bondage and calls us into freedom.*

**Yet, how easily our eyes wander. We look for gods we can
control, shaping the gifts of God into idols of our own making.**

*Even when we stumble and turn aside from the path, God remem-
bers His covenant and His great love.*

**Christ stands in the breach for us, interceding with mercy and
turning our hearts back to grace**

*Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord our God, not with the shift-
ing shadows of human gold, but in spirit and in truth.*

Let us praise the Lord, whose steadfast love endures forever

 **PRAISE**

TFWS #2235-a - *"We Are Singing"*

 **PRAYER of CONFESSION ³**

**Stop us in our tracks, O Lord. Help us to be open to your will for
our lives. We know what you want us to do. Give us the persis-
tence and the courage to do your will. Heal us from our way-**

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.

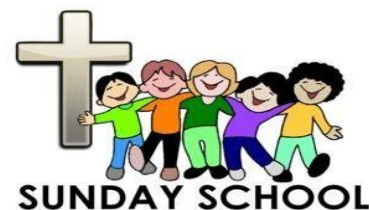
Dodge Center United Methodist Church
Corner of 1st Street and 1st Avenue NE

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->



Sunday School will be held every first and third Sunday of
the month during our worship time. 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. Ages 3 years old through 6th grade are
welcome.

Behind Today's WORSHIP Music

2203 "In His Time"

"In His Time" is a popular Christian worship song written by Linda Diane Cooper Ball in 1978. It was inspired by Ecclesiastes 3:11 and is known for its comforting message that God's timing is perfect and ultimately makes all things beautiful. While traveling in 1975 with her family on the way to a speaking engagement at an Aglow meeting in Kelseyville, CA, for which she was late, she penned these words based on Eccl. 3:1-11 to calm her troubled heart and bring peace in her spirit.

2235a "We Are Singing"

The song widely known in English as "We Are Singing" (originally titled "Siyahamba") originated as a traditional Zulu choral hymn in South Africa during the early 1950s. While not originally written as a political protest piece, the song became a powerful freedom and liberation anthem sung during marches and gatherings against the apartheid regime in South Africa. American church musician Hal H. Hopson added an English-language contrasting middle section based on Psalm 27:1 ("We are singing, for the Lord is our light").

2065 "More Precious than Silver"

The Christian worship song "More Precious Than Silver" was written in 1982 by Lynn DeShazo in Auburn, Alabama. While working her shift at the Auburn McDonald's french fry station, she broke her fast early by eating two french fries. Overcome with a sudden feeling of guilt, she went to seek forgiveness in a private moment of worship and repentance. As she prayed and meditated on Bible passages like Proverbs 8:11 and Colossians 2:3, the melody and lyrics for the classic worship chorus came to her.

95 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

This short hymn, commonly known as the Doxology, was written by English Bishop Thomas Ken around 1674. It originally served as the final stanza for three longer hymns (morning, evening, and midnight) intended for students at Winchester College. The melody is even older than the lyrics. Before the Protestant Reformation, only professional musicians were allowed to sing in church. In Germany, Martin Luther began writing new hymns (including "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God") and taught that everyone should sing praises to God. This melody is often called "Old 100th" and is usually used as the offering song.

2241 "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" was written in 1993 by Delores Dufner, a Benedictine sister from St. Benedict's Monastery in St. Joseph, Minnesota. The hymn was created as a theological expansion of the dismissal rite (Ite, missa est / "Go, the mass is ended") following the Eucharist, inspired by the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council. The lyrics draw heavily from Isaiah 61:1-4 and Luke 4:16-22, focusing on bringing good news to the poor, comforting those who mourn, and acting as the hands of Christ. The melody is set to the familiar Lenten hymn "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days".

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

ward actions and attitudes. Remind us that we must reach out to others in compassion and peace. Merciful God, come to us this day with your healing power and help us again to be your disciples, offering hope and peace to your hurting and wounded world. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

WORDS of ASSURANCE and PARDON ⁴

God, who has never strayed from you, is with you.
God will heal your hearts and direct your steps.
Place your life in God's loving care. Amen.

TIME with the YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Surprise Box brought by Scarlett

PRAISE

TFWS #2065 - "More Precious than Silver"

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER

We Hear God's Word

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION ⁵

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 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (Page 78 - Pew Bible) Exodus 32:1-14

MESSAGE

"Golden Idols"

We Respond to God's Word

RECOGNITION OF OFFERING

(please place your offering in the plates as you depart worship)

✠ DOXOLOGY

UMH #95 - "Praise God From Whom"

✠ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We Go Forth to Serve God

✠ PRAISE

TFWS #2241 - "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

✠ THE BENEDICTION - ✠ POSTLUDE

¹ The Centering Words are based on or inspired by Exodus 32.

² The Call to Worship is based on or inspired by Exodus 32.

³ The Prayer of Confession is based on or inspired by Exodus 32.

⁴ The Words of Assurance are based on or inspired by Exodus 32.

⁵ The Prayer for Illumination is a traditional prayer used in United Methodist worship.

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Charting the Course

Sunday, October 11th, 2026

"Golden Idols"

Based on Exodus 32:1-14



I. Challenging World...

- a. The times in which we are living are not that much different than the times of the people of _____.

II. The Biblical World of Israel...

- a. The Israelites confused Moses' role as _____ with God's _____.
- b. They sought to create a _____ out of gold.

III. The World of Today...

- a. Golden idols are still in _____ today.
- b. We pretend that they are perfectly _____ means of achieving fulfillment in life.
- c. There is nothing wrong with striving for _____.
- d. When the focus in our individual _____ and not _____, we miss the point.

IV. What the Bible says about this...

- a. Jesus taught us that caring for and reaching out to the _____ is a _____.
- b. God's kingdom will go on, whether we _____ or not.
- c. The choice is _____.

V. Charting Our Course in Life This Week

Here is what I can do to remove idols from my world:

Answers:

- | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1a) Israel | 2b) god | 3c) excellence | 3d) needs, others |
| 2a) mediator, leadership | 3b) legitimate | 4b) show up | |
| 3a) Fashion | | | |
| 4a) poor, core duty | | | |

GOD'S DIRECTION IS ALWAYS BEST!

The Golden Calf

Exodus 32:1-14 - NRSV

¹ When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ² Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me." ³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He took these from them, formed them in a mold, and cast an image of a calf, and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." ⁶ They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel.

⁷ The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'

⁹ The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?

¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people.

¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " ¹⁴ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

PROVERBS 3:5

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