

We Go Out to Love and Serve

****Closing Hymn: *O Worship the King* #73 UMH**

Announcements

Sue White

Responsive Benediction:

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We have now arrived at the place where we end our words. Of all the things we have named, it is not our intention to leave anything out. If something was forgotten, we leave it to each individual to send such greetings and thanks in their own way. Now our minds are one. Go in Peace.

****Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Sue White, Lay Leader, and Laity
Video Production: Dean Logan and Greg Shaw
Organist and Choir Director: Debbie Greim
Pastor Jen Reed

Today's worship liturgy comes from the Thanksgiving Address by John Stokes and Kanawahientun, 1993. Found in Braiding Sweetgrass; Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmerer. 2013, Milkweed Editions, Canada.

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Community***



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Lisbon United Methodist Church
welcomes, nurtures, and serves
all people, with the love of Christ.

LISBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 18, 2026

LAITY SUNDAY

*Welcome! We are delighted to have you worship with us and pray that God richly blesses you this day. The ** sign indicates that those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand. All are invited to join in speaking where the bolded words appear.*

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude, Lighting of the Candles, Time of Quiet Reflection

Welcome

Call to Worship Monica McCusker

L: Together we have gathered to give greetings and thanks.

P: Now our minds are one.

L: We have been given the duty to live in balance and harmony.

P: Now our minds are one.

L: Let us celebrate the cycles of life with each other and all living things.

P: Now our minds are one.

****Opening Hymn: *We are God's People* 2220 TFWS**

Opening Prayer Carolyn Jones

Gracious God, Creator, Great Spirit, we send greetings and thanks for all the gifts of Creation. Everything we need to live a good life is here on Mother Earth. For all the love that is still around us, we gather our minds together as one and send our choicest words of greetings and thanks to the Creator. Now our minds are one.

We Meet the Word Proclaimed

Ministry of Music Judy Rathbun

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 96 Jen Farrin

Epistle Lesson: 1Thessalonians 1:1-10 Sue White

Response to the Word

L: The Word of God, for us the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn of Preparation: *How Great Thou Art* #77 UMH**

Faith Basket:

Trudy Duval

Message: Attitude of Gratitude

Sue White

We Respond with Prayer and Thanksgiving

Prayer Hymn: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* #2193TFWS

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Sue White

Prayers of the People

After each prayer request, please join in the response:

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

After each joy, please join in the response:

Alleluia

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lords Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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, for ever. Amen.

Response: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* #2193TFWS

Offering Our Gifts to God

Sue White

****Song of Thanksgiving:**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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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.

****Prayer of Dedication: Let us pile up our thanks like a heap of flowers on a blanket. We will each take a corner and toss it high into the sky. And so our thanks should be as rich as the gifts of the world that shower down upon us and help us share those gifts according to the Creator's will and guidance. Amen.**