

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Anchored: How to Keep the Faith When the World Won't Hold Still



Living in Exile - When the World Feels Off



Walking Together the
Words and Ways of Jesus

Inclusive, Intergenerational, and In Community

Walking together the words and ways of Jesus. We welcome all God's children whatever their race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or mental ability. Following Christ's example, we open our hearts, minds, and doors to welcome all.

If you are young or old, *you are welcome.*

If you have brown skin, black skin, white skin, or any color of skin, *you are welcome.*

If you are married or single, *you are welcome.*

If you are gay, straight, transgender-whatever pronouns you use, *you are welcome.*

If you are sick or well, *you are welcome.*

If you are a perfect person, then you probably don't need a church, but if you are like us and are imperfect, mistake-making, still-trying, need all the encouragement I can get kind of person, then this is a community for you and *you are welcome.*

If you sing like a rock star or an opera singer, or you can not sing at all, *you are welcome.*

Whenever you arrived and however you came here, *you are welcome.*

If you believe in God some of the time or all of the time, or you're just beginning to explore who God is, *you are welcome.*

Come with your gifts, your pain, your hope, your fears.
Come with traditions that have helped you and hurt you.
Come with your experiences that have made you and broken you.
Come with a mind, ready to engage, and a heart, open to discern.
Come and listen for the Holy Spirit that calls you to love your neighbor wholeheartedly, seek justice, create peace and practice compassion.

You are welcome here!

Adapted from a welcome by Gordon Brown, published in Shaping Sanctuary

No matter
who you are
or where you
are on
life's journey,
you are
welcome here.



Connect with Us



Let Us Know You Are Here

Please register your attendance through the welcome pad.



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Stay informed, register for ministry events, give online, and more.



Prayer Requests

Let our staff pray for you and others in your life (prayers are confidential).



Share your talents

The opportunities abound to help your community, find where you fit.



WiFi

Access the church's WiFi with the password: LHUMCGuest.



Hearing Enhancement Aids

T-coil hearing assistance is available throughout the Sanctuary. Turn your hearing aid to the T (telephone) position or see a sound team member at the back of the sanctuary for wireless headphones.

welcome to worship!

Please note the following, the congregation reads/sings/prays the words in bold-faceprint and the ↑ symbol invites you to rise in body and/or spirit.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING SONG

Anchored in the Rock of Ages

(Jeffrey Honoré)

All sing twice.

Swing

Oh, I'm an-chored in the Rock of a - ges. Oh, I'm
an - chored in the Rock of a - ges. Oh, an -
- chored in the deep, an - chored in the deep, the
deep, deep love of God. Oh, I'm

↑ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sometimes life is not what we expected.

Sometimes the world feels strange and unfamiliar.

All: Still, God is with us.

One: God says: Build houses. Plant gardens. Seek the welfare of the place where you are.

All: We will live faithfully where God has planted us.

One: We will not wait for perfect circumstances to love.

All: We will seek the good here and now.

One: We will not wait for the world to hold still before we trust God.

All: God is our anchor in every season.

One: Come, let us worship the God who meets us right where we are.

All: We are here. God is here. Let us worship.

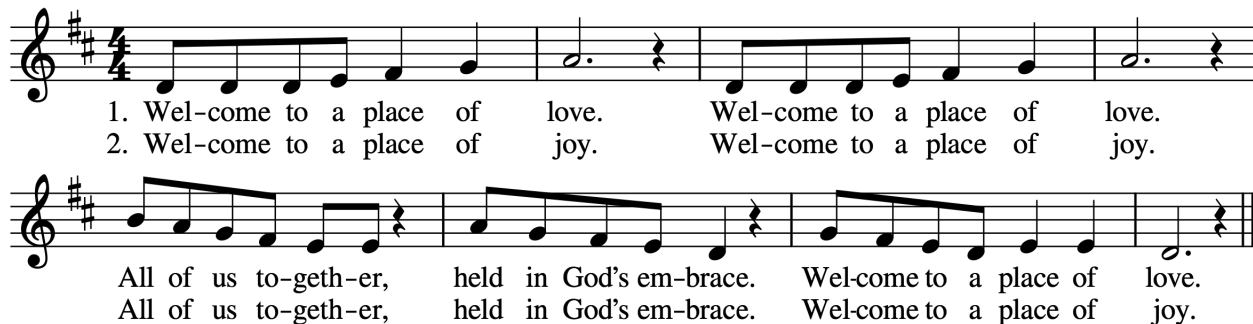
SHARE A GREETING

RAINBOW CHAT

Jenny Brelje

SONG

Welcome



1. Wel-come to a place of love. Wel-come to a place of love.
 2. Wel-come to a place of joy. Wel-come to a place of joy.

All of us to-geth-er, held in God's em-brace. Wel-come to a place of love.
 All of us to-geth-er, held in God's em-brace. Wel-come to a place of joy.

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29:1-14

Common English Bible

Disturbing hope: Settle down in Babylon

The prophet Jeremiah sent a letter from Jerusalem to the few surviving elders among the exiles, to the priests and the prophets, and to all the people Nebuchadnezzar had taken to Babylon from Jerusalem. The letter was sent after King Jeconiah, the queen mother, the court officials, the government leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, and the craftsmen and smiths had left Jerusalem. It was delivered to Babylon by Elasah, Shaphan's son, and Gemariah, Hilkiah's son—two men dispatched to Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar by King Zedekiah.

The Lord of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims to all the exiles I have carried off from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and settle down; cultivate gardens and eat what they produce. Get married and have children; then help your sons find wives and your daughters find husbands in order that they too may have children. Increase in number there so that you don't dwindle away. Promote the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because your future depends on its welfare.

The Lord of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims: Don't let the prophets and diviners in your midst mislead you. Don't pay attention to your dreams. They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I didn't send them, declares the Lord.

The Lord proclaims: When Babylon's seventy years are up, I will come and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope. When you call me and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. When you search for me, yes, search for me with all your heart, you will find me. I will be present for you, declares the Lord, and I will end your captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have scattered you, and I will bring you home after your long exile, declares the Lord.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Worship Series: Anchored
Week Three - "Living in Exile" (When the World Feels Off)

Rev. Karen Bruins

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY



OFFERING BOX

is found in the back
of the sanctuary



GIVE ONLINE

by visiting our website
at lakeharrietumc.org



SCAN THE QR CODE

with your
smartphone camera



MAIL IN TO

4901 Chowen Ave S
Minneapolis, MN
55410

OFFERTORY

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

(arr. Maureen Howell)

*Stanza 1: Choir**Great is thy faithfulness...**Stanza 2: Choir**Summer and winter...**Stanza 3: All (Please join in singing)*

Par-don for sin__ and a peace that__ en - dur-eth, thine own__ dear pres - ence to
cheer and to guide;__ strength for to - day__ and bright hope for__ to - mor-row,
bless - ings all mine,__ with ten thou - sand__ be - side!_____
Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Morn-ing by
morn - ing__ new mer - cies I see;__ all I have need__ ed thy
hand hath__ pro - vid-ed; great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!__

*Ending: Choir**Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.***↑ DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal 94

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all creatures here be - low;
Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all the gifts!
Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho-ly Spir - it!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO CONFIRMANDS

SONG

The Song of Blessing

1. May God give you eyes to see all that is good, all that is good. 2. The
(2. The) cour-age for an - y - thing, may you be strong, may you be strong.

2.
May God give you ears to hear God's lov - ing voice, God's lov - ing voice,
speak-ing all a - round you, all a - round and deep in - side.

↑ HYMN

Blessed Assurance

Hymnal 369

↑ BLESSING

Go now with this promise:

When the winds rise
and the storms come,
when the ground beneath you feels uncertain,
remember where your anchor holds.

You are anchored in the love of God,
anchored in the grace of Jesus Christ,
anchored in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

The storm may come.

The waters may rise.

The world may shake.

But the love of God will not let you go.

So go with courage.

Go with hope.

Go in peace.

Your anchor holds. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (Pt. II)

(arr. Benjamin Kolodziej)

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Karen Bruins

Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries: Jenny Brelje

Director of Music Ministries: Jungjoo Park

Musicians: Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reader: Chris Kliesen Wehrman

Sound Technician: Brian Richter

Streaming: Chris McPartland

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This Week at Lake Harriet

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25

9:30am Worship In-Person and Online
9:45am Godly Play - Godly Play Room
10:40am Cherub Choir - Godly Play Room
10:45am We Cry Justice Small Group - Wesley Room
10:45am By Faith Band Rehearsal - Bell Room
10:45am Care Team Meeting - Conference Room
11:00am Science and Religion Book Study - Zoom
5:30pm Unleavened Bread Group - Fireside Room

MONDAY OCTOBER 26

7:00pm We Cry Justice Small Group - Zoom

TUESDAY OCTOBER 27

10:00am Crafters (Knitting) Group - Commons
6:00pm Democracy Defense Leadership Meeting - Wesley Room
7:00pm Men's Forum - Wesley Room
7:00pm Leadership Council - Fireside Room

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28

4:30pm Truth Council Session - Wesley Room
5:00pm Wednesday Night Dinner - Reception Room
5:30pm Prime Chimers (Ages 10 - Adult) - Bell Room
6:00pm Festival Bells - Bell Room
6:00pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (Grades 1 - 5) - Sanctuary
6:30pm Confirmation - Conference Room
6:30pm Shout Band Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:15pm Youth Group Halloween Party - Youth Room
7:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

THURSDAY OCTOBER 29

4:30pm Trunk or Treat - Parking Lot

FRIDAY OCTOBER 30

10:30am Truth Council Session - Wesley Room

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1

9:30am In Person and Online Worship - Communion Sunday
10:40am Cherub Choir - Bell Room
10:45am Godly Play for Adults - Godly Play Room
10:45am We Cry Justice Small Group - Wesley Room
11:00am Science and Religion Book Study - Zoom
11:00am Worship at the Waters



REGISTER by scanning the QR code or visiting bit.ly/mn-annual-conference-26

MN ANNUAL CONFERENCES

Headwaters District 2026 Cluster Conference

You are invited to The Great United Methodist GetTogether: 2026 Charge Conferences!

The Conference lasts about 90 minutes and includes:

- Gathering with worship and a message from the Superintendent
- Sharing our Serving Joyfully stories with one another
- Prayers for our church and collective work
- Individual church / charge conferences
- Fellowship

Find the date and location that works for you on the registration site on the left. Lake Harriet UMC is going to Good Samaritan UMC on Sunday, November 1st at 1:00pm.

Can't wait to see you at The Great United Methodist Get-Together: 2026 Charge Conference!



THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH 5:30-7:00PM

Unleavened Bread Bible Study

***Updated date: October 25**, Led by Jungjoo Park
Participants engage in daily reading and journaling as part of this Bible study.

The group continues to be a wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth and reflection. Jungjoo Park brings a wealth of knowledge and insight to the group.



OCTOBER 29 4:30-6PM

Trunk Hosts Needed

Trunk or Treat is coming back to LHUMC! Join us for our second annual Trunk or Treat in the Lake Harriet UMC parking lot! LHUMC is partnering with The Waters and The Lake Harriet Preschool for this fun, FREE community event.

We need LHUMC volunteers to host a trunk! Decorate your car, bring some candy, and help make this a fun evening for our neighbors. And yes—there will be a Decorated Trunk Contest!

Want to host a trunk? Please sign up by October 22 by emailing lorriesandelin@lakeharrietumc.org. Come join the fun—and bring your creativity!



YOUTH MINISTRIES

Youth Group

Youth Group on Wednesday Night from 7:20-8:30pm! Next Wednesday, October 28th we will have a Halloween Party (dress up if you would like).

Confirmation on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:10 pm.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

Let's Get SPOOKY at ValleyScare!

OCTOBER 30 5:45 - 10:30PM

Grab your friends, face your fears, and see if you can survive all the haunted twists and turns at ValleySCARE! Youth in grades 7th-12th are invited for a night where the rides you love turn into haunted adventures and the park fills with scares around every corner.

Tickets are going fast, please sign up soon!



REGISTER by scanning the QR code or visiting bit.ly/valleyscare-26



LAKE HARRIET PLAYERS

Spring Musical

Lake Harriet Players is excited to announce our spring 2027 musical, "As You Like It." Shakespeare meets modern folk-pop in this musical retelling of the classic play.

Join us on the stage or in the audience March 5-7, and 12-14, 2027. Auditions will be held on December 5 with callbacks on December 6. The audition sign-up will go live on November 8.

Watch our socials and website for more information!



For further information go to
mn.gov/governor/about-gov/councils/truth-council/

COMMUNITY

MN Truth Council Initiative AND You!

The Minnesota Truth Council was established by Governor Walz, to create a comprehensive public record of the impacts of Operation Metro Surge on Minnesota.

Do you have a story to share? Most of us do. Four members of our congregation have gone through training to be Story Collectors and we are here for you to share your story in a private and safe way. Sharing your story will provide legitimate documentation of what happened to you, our neighbors, our community, our schools and how we supported one another.

A table will be set up in the church lobby for you to sign up to share your story and we'll be available to answer any questions. **If you're not able to attend church,** feel free to contact Kim Grant at 612.481.3163 or email: kfgflamenco55@gmail.com to schedule a time to share your story with any of our Story Collectors (Kim Grant, Lorrie Sandelin, Zoe Johnson and Wendy Blethen).



Introducing the “Transformed by Grace” Worship Series and Stewardship Campaign

Dear Church Family,

This November, we begin Transformed by Grace, a four-week worship series and stewardship campaign

exploring how God’s grace changes us—and how that grace shapes the way we live, use what we have, and practice generosity. Drawing on John Wesley’s understanding of grace and his teachings about money, we’ll discover that stewardship is about far more than finances. It is about saying yes to God’s transforming grace.

Grace: An Invitation to Transformation

Grace meets us where we are and invites us into something new: from outsider to belonging, from fear to trust, from always wanting more to the freedom of enough, and from the “same old” to creative, faithful action. Across four weeks, we’ll connect biblical stories of transformation with our everyday lives.

Week 1: Called by Love — Luke 19:1–10

Zacchaeus was an outsider in every way—despised, isolated, and up a tree. Yet Jesus called him by name and invited himself to dinner. Grace doesn’t wait for us to get it together; it meets us exactly where we are and invites us to belong.

Week 2: God Trusted Me With It! — Matthew 25:14–30

The parable of the talents is not about earning God’s approval. It is about trusting that what God gives us is worth investing. When we move from fear to trust, grace multiplies through risk, generosity, and faithful action.

Week 3: The Secret of Contentment — Philippians 4

Writing from prison, Paul describes a contentment that does not depend on circumstances. In a culture that constantly tells us we need more, grace teaches us the radical freedom of enough. True contentment is rooted not in what we have, but in whose we are.

Week 4: A Disciple’s Lifestyle — Luke 16:1–13

Jesus’ story of the clever manager invites us to think creatively about all God has entrusted to us. A disciple’s lifestyle is one of creativity and care for God’s gifts—including our resources and finances—and a willingness to use them in ways that build relationships and serve God’s purposes. Transformed by Grace is also our annual stewardship campaign. As we worship together, we invite you to reflect on the gifts, resources, time, and talents God has entrusted to you—and how grace might be calling you to use them. At the close of the series, we will have an opportunity to make our financial commitments to the ministries of Lake Harriet United Methodist Church for the coming year.

Together, may we say yes to grace and discover new freedom in our relationship with God, with one another, and with all that has been entrusted to us.

In Christ’s love,

The 2027 “Transformed by Grace” Stewardship Team

Rev. Karen Bruins, Wendy Blethen, Joe Green, Kay Halverson, Ginger Mateer

Lake Harriet United Methodist Church

community events



TO GET ADVANCE TICKETS go to
<https://bit.ly/47KCAa7>

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25 8AM

Fall Charitable Breakfast Fundraiser

On Sunday, October 25th the Masons of Lake Harriet Lodge will hold their fall charitable breakfast fundraiser. Some of the proceeds will benefit the Joyce Uptown FoodShelf.

\$8 of every \$13 ticket will go back to Joyce! Bob Bayers will be in the common room on Sunday, October 19th and 25th if you would like more information on this fundraiser. The breakfast is at Lake Harriet Masonic Lodge, 4519 France Ave S. From 8 am till 1 pm.

Tickets are available at the door or use the registration information for the left.

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Lake Harriet United Methodist Church is located on the land of the Wahpekute, one of the seven council fires of the Ojibwe (commonly Dakota) peoples. We recognize and pay tribute to the indigenous people who called this land home for centuries before us.



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