

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time
October 18, 2026

Preaching Worship Leader Pianist/Organist
Rev. Douglas Kaufman Jan Wiebe Anne Marie Spelman

Gathering

Music Calls Us to Worship Here We Become Your Living Church Nicolaus Decius

Welcome

Candle Lighting Invocation Flora, Chaska & Phil Yoder

Prelude This is God’s Wondrous World arr. Chris Rice

 *Hymn of Gathering There’s a Wild Hope in the Wind VT 828

 *Responsive Reading

One: God of cosmos and quarks, God of rainbows and roly-polies,
God of electricity and enzymes –
Many: You created the earth and proclaimed it good.
One: The galaxies and planets are known to you, Yet also the hairs on our heads.
Many: You cradle all things in the palm of your hand, Supporting us with love.
One: We magnify your name for all creation, And for all the blessings of this life.
All: Sustain in us a spirit of awe, for how you continue to be present in the world, and help us to act with love for all that you have created. Amen

Telling God’s Story

Chancel Choir God, You Made All Things for Singing H. Friedell/J. Ferguson
LuAnn Stuckey, director Andrea Clements, pianist

Time with Children

 Hymn Siyahamba VT 793 Adam Phillips
Xhosa coming forward and **English** returning to seats
Conversation Jonathan Andreas

 Community Prayer Pastor Phil Yoder
 The Lord’s Prayer (Miller) VT 673

Special Music Lost Words Blessing by Spell Songs
Wendy Chappell-Dick, Laurel Neufeld Weaver, Jan Wiebe
Anne Marie Spelman, piano

 Scripture Job 39:1-8, 26-30 Ray Person

Message The Wild Gospel

Living God’s Story

 *Hymn of Response The Garden Needs Our Tending Now VT 788

Announcements
Offering
Invitation
Offertory Nocturne in C-sharp minor, Op. Posth Chopin
Prayer of Dedication

Sending

 *Hymn of Sending Beauty for Brokenness VT 712

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Please rise in body or in spirit
– VT: Voices Together (Purple Bound Book)

Parents of young children: God put the wiggle in children, so no need to suppress those wiggles.
Sitting closer to the front makes it easier for your little ones to engage.
They are welcome to join the PrayGround at the front of the sanctuary.
Also, children learn their behavior by mimicking you. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses.
Feel free to leave the sanctuary with your child, but you’re welcome to come back.
As Jesus said, “Let the children come to me.”