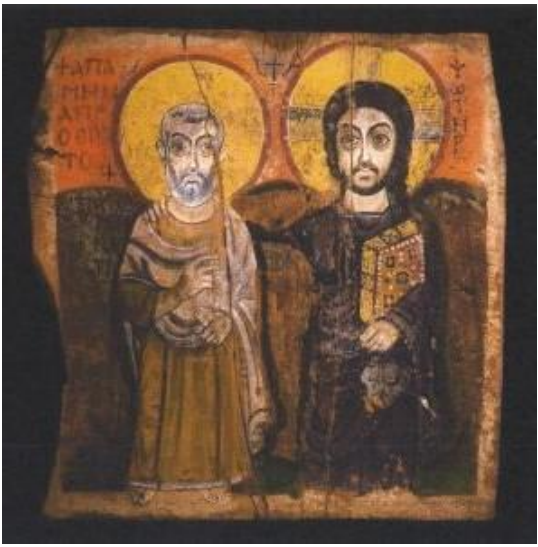




**Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost**
October 11, 2026

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Slides: Lauren Corder, Cathi Hughes
This week's slideshow: Ingall's Creek Sabbatical Retreat
Last week's attendance: 8:30 55, 11:00 39, online 35

Next Week's Worship, Sunday, October 18, 2026, Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Ezekiel 47:1-12, *Revelation 22:1-7; "Living Waters"; Pastor Matt is preaching.

The biblical writers knew the importance of water as a precious sustainer of life, particularly in a land where it is scarce. Perhaps that is why the image of life-giving water was given to Ezekiel as an example of God's desire for the future of Zion, post exile, where the Spirit flowing from it would once again be a source of life for the land. John of Patmos was given a similar vision, but this time the setting is in the heavenly throne room where the water of life plays a central role in the healing of the nations. In Scripture, water is a symbol of life, of cleansing, healing, rebirth, and renewal. As stewards of God's creation, we have a care for the water God has blessed the earth with, for the benefit of all.

Announcements

- Worship**, Sunday, October 11, 2026, 8:30 and 11:00 am, **Sunday School** 9:45 am
- Service of Lament**, Sunday, October 11, 2026, 6 pm, **St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**
- Naomi Circle**, Monday, October 12, 2026, 1 pm, Fellowship Hall
- Worship Team Rehearsal**, Monday, October 12, 2026, 5:45 pm, Sanctuary
- Fish Company**, Tuesday, October 13, 2026, 8 am, Zoom
- Men's Breakfast Group**, Wednesday, October 14, 2026, 9 am, Fairmount Diner
- Women's Bible Study**, Wednesday, October 14, 2026, 10 am, Upstairs Classroom
- Building & Grounds**, Wednesday, October 14, 2026, 11 am, Upstairs Classroom
- Personnel Committee**, Wednesday, October 14, 2026, Fellowship Hall
- Book Club**, Thursday, October 15, 2026, 10:30 am, Fellowship Hall
- Worship**, Sunday, October 18, 2026, 8:30 and 11:00 am, **Sunday School** 9:45 am
- Youth Fall Kick-Off**, Sunday, October 18, 2026, 4 pm, at the church
- Prayers for Kairos Prison Ministry**, a sign-up sheet is at the Connection Center if you would like to pray for the members of this ministry.

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Peace" Mansfield

*Call to Worship

We look ahead, and God beckons,

We glance over our shoulder, and God nods to us,

We turn to each side and find our constant companion,

We look up and feel the shadow of the Holy Comforter.

Even the earth we walk on is holy ground,

Step by step, on every journey, along each path, through each temptation,

God is with us, always and forever.

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

*Hymns of Praise

“How Awesome Is Our God”	Cobb
“There Is a Redeemer”	# 833
“Ten Thousand Reasons”	#559

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we come before you with humble hearts. We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have been quick to judge while overlooking our own faults. We have failed to reflect your grace and mercy. Forgive us for the times we have neglected the needs of others and missed opportunities to act justly and with compassion. Help us to daily celebrate the forgiveness we have received and the hope we have in Jesus. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Please greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading	Psalm 139:1-18 (NIV)	Vee Canning
Time for Young Disciples		Barb and Bob Pappas
Scripture Reading	John 15:12-17	
Sermon	“The Gift of Friendship”	Pastor Matt

Responding to the Word

*Hymn of Response	“Will You Come and Follow Me”	#742
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Minute for Ministry	Christmas Gift Cards
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Stillness Moment

Offering

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication	#961
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Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Congregational Prayer/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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*Closing Hymn	“When the King Shall Come Again”	#475
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*Benediction

Postlude	“Pie Jesu”	Faure
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Leading in Today’s Service

Worship Leaders: Pastor Matt, Dan Cobb, Vee Canning

Pianist/Organist: Anna Nichols

Worship Music Team (varies): Beverly Brown, Jim Buckmaster, Pam Carnahan, Jody Cox, Iantha Frazer

** Please rise in body or in spirit.*