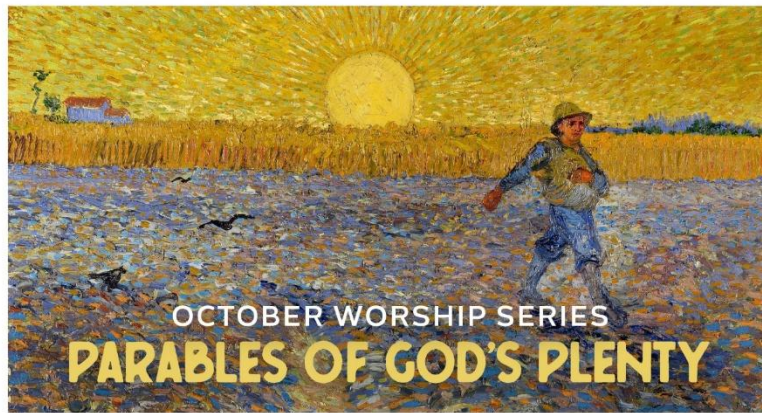




WELCOME TO WORSHIP – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025 – 9:30 AM

STEWARDSHIP SEASON: “PLENTY IS ENOUGH”

BAKER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

GREETING The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

PRELUDE “That Priceless Grace,” Aaron David Miller, Stephen Uhl

CENTERING THOUGHT

“And God can give you more blessings than you need, and you will always have plenty of everything. You will have enough to give to every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:8



* CALL TO WORSHIP

Chandra Gravit

One: Honor God, the giver of all good gifts!

All: Honor God whose kingdom is on heaven & earth!

One: The invitation to the feast is given. Will we respond?

All: The church of Christ gathers for worship!

* HYMN 67 “We Thy People, Praise Thee”

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of Abundant Blessings, in Christ, You open wide the doors and welcome us into Your presence: saints and sinners alike. You spread a banquet before us, filled with plenty enough for one and all. We come to meet You here at the cross and table. We come to meet one another, to experience the goodness of faith and human community. May Your Spirit remove any barriers within our hearts that keep us from fully accepting the generosity of your invitation to worship, learn and serve. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray, **AMEN.**

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST *Share a smile, wave or sign of peace.*

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS – CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ANTHEM “Thou Art the King of Glory,” Jeff Hunt, Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayers.**

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.

* GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:15-24

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

“A Feast of Plenty”

Rev. David Aslesen



PRAYER OF CONFESSION: ALWAYS ENOUGH

How often do we succumb to the fear of scarcity, assuming there is not enough money, time, patience or love; blessings are rationed?

Forgive us when we doubt your abundance,

O God, and ignore the possibilities in what we have been given.

Have we ever turned away from someone's need claiming there isn't enough even for ourselves; our hearts become locked vaults?

Forgive us when we reject your abundance, O God, and neglect the possibilities in what we have been given.

Why is it that we easily give thanks for the good things in life, yet find it hard to ask for help when in a rough spot or we don't trust God fully?

Open our eyes to the wonders that surround us, O God, and help us to claim our confidence in all that your invitation to faith provides.

PASTORAL PRAYER

RECOGNITION & WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

STEWARDSHIP: ANNOUNCEMENTS, OPPORTUNITIES AND OFFERING

Offertory, “Sing to the Lord of Harvest,” Bob Burroughs, Chancel Bell Choir

*Doxology, #94, “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication



HYMN 438 “Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”

* BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

“Land of Rest,” Richard Proulx, Stephen Uhl

This Week

AT BAKER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, October 19

- 9:30am Worship
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:30am Sunday Funday
- 10:45am New Member Class
- 10:45am Reconciliation & Inclusion Mtg
- 10:45am AdultEd: "Romans" Bible Study
AdultEd: *Faith in the News*
- 3pm St. Charles Singers Concert

MONDAY, October 20

- 9am Food Bank Gang
- 6:15pm Finance Review
- 7pm S&A Meeting

TUESDAY, October 21

- 11am Staff Meeting
- 11am Women's Emmaus
- 11:30am Kiwanis
- 8pm Keep it Simple Group AA Mtg

WEDNESDAY, October 22

- 4:30pm Wesley Singers Rehearsal
- 5pm Chapel Chimes
- 6pm Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7pm Keep it Simple Group AA Mtg

FRIDAY, October 24

- 5:30pm Shoemaker/Roszak Rehearsal

SATURDAY, October 25

- 10am PFLAG
- 2:30pm Shoemaker/Roszak Wedding

SUNDAY, October 26

- 9:30am Worship
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 10:45am Reconciliation & Inclusion Mtg
- 10:45am Youth Group
- 10:45am AdultEd: "Romans" Bible Study
AdultEd: *Faith in the News*
- 12pm Simone Tingley Recital
- 12:30pm Trunk or Treat



UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY AT BAKER CHURCH

Information about all of our events can be found on our church app
and at BakerMemorialChurch.org/Whats-Happening.
Don't have our app? Scan the QR code to download!



WORSHIP ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY:

Greeters: Allan & Jayne Scales; Ushers: Debbie & Paul Conterato, Gary Johnson, Geoff Hardwick,
Livestream Tech: Rob Hale; Liturgist: Chandra Gravit; Acolyte: Peyton Masters

OCTOBER WORSHIP SERIES: "PARABLES OF GOD'S PLENTY"

For our Sundays of worship, we will utilize the parables of Jesus to illustrate the ways God's blessings impact people's lives, values and commitments. Stories from the gospel of Luke of excessive sowers, courageous Samaritans, lavish meals and joyful parties will shine a light on God's extravagant giving.

BAKERKIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Students Pre-K–5 are welcome to Sunday school in the Children's Center right after the Children's Message! Register through the church website and app.

ADULTED: SIGN UP VIA THE CHURCH APP & WEBSITE

Join the bible discussion group. Books are available for purchase in the church office:

"Romans: In the Grip of Grace," by Max Lucado, Sundays, 10/19-11/23, 10:45 AM

NIL FOOD BANK GANG OCT. 20 9AM

Join the Illinois Food Bank gang! A team of volunteers heads to the NIL Food Bank every month. Our shift runs from 9am until Noon. For more info contact Betty Erickson at n9yfc@aol.com.

PFLAG GENEVA/TRICITIES OCT. 25 10AM - BAKER HALL

Assist us with button-making, brochure folding, and inventory organization as we prepare for upcoming events. For more info contact Mandy Hale at aghale73@gmail.com.

BAKERYOUTH GROUP, SUNDAY, OCT. 26

Students middle & high school are welcome to gather after worship until 11:30 AM in the Youth Room: check-in, bible study and fellowship.

TRUNK OR TREAT OCT. 26 12:30PM, SOUTHEAST PARKING LOT

Join us for this fall family fun community event. Bring kids in costume and with a bag to collect treats. Visit the website or Church App to volunteer or donate or host a trunk.

ANNUAL CHARGE/CHURCH CONFERENCE, OCT. 28, 7 PM

All members of the congregation are invited to our annual meeting. Its purpose is to review the year of ministry, set the pastoral compensation agreement for our pastor, receive candidates for ministry, further discussion/voting on property sale and consider goals for the new year.

FAITH, FOOD & FUN NOVEMBER 5 5:30PM

An intergenerational event with dinner, faith, and an activity for all ages. This month's theme is *Grateful Amen!* Were having a potluck. Bring a dish to pass. Sign up to attend on the church app.

MISSIONS: STOCK THE FOOD BOX

Donations are requested for the outdoor food box utilized by our hungry neighbors in need. Drop off the following items to the church: protein drinks; flip-top cans of soup, stew, pasta; tuna and chicken snack pack meals; protein bars (not cereal bars); cheese and/or peanut butter cracker snacks, bottled water, Gatorade.