Manning United Methodist Church

October 25, 2026
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday

"Jesus didn't just tell us to love the easy people. He meant the broken, the hurting, the rejected. Love doesn't get to pick favorites."—Mindful Christianity

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*Please stand as you are comfortable
Bold print indicates congregational response

Prelude video— "With All My Heart"— (about 3:20)

Sharing our joys and concerns

<u>*Call to Worship:</u>
Leade**r—**We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
People—We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
Leader—When we feel tested by hard decisions, calls to advocate against injustice, competing narratives, and worrying misinformation, we remember:
People—We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
Leader—When we struggle with damaged trust and the need to repair our relationships with God and one another, when we are called to go against the social current to build communities of mercy and justice, we remember:
People—We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
Leader—Come, let us worship God whose grace surrounds us when we feel tested and tried, empowering us to remain faithful disciples of Jesus Christ when we face chaos, division, injustice, and hardship.
People—We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the Body of Christ in a broken and hurting world. Amen.

<u>*Opening Prayer (Unison):</u>
Happy are we, O God, when our hearts are full, our ways are yours, our spirits enlivened by your call. Happy are we, O God, when our lives are guided by delight. We gather here today for just that, holy God. We gather to draw on all you would give us to be more fully yours. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Opening Hymn—UMH #110— "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"
"Rise Up and Praise Him" (video)

Silent Prayer — Pastoral Prayer — Lord's Prayer

Giving Back to God—Offering plates are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Offering Prayer — *Doxology

Hymn—UMH #432— "Jesu, Jesu"

Scripture—Matthew 22: 34-46 and 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

Message— "Why is This So Hard?"

Closing Hymn—TFWS #2167— "More Like You" (video)

***Benediction — Sending Forth — Extinguishing Altar Candles**
Go, now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go, now in faith—steadfast, strong, and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go, now in love and show you believe
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go, now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

November 1
Greeters/Ushers: Rick & Kathy Spoelstra
Liturgist: Rick Spoelstra
Communion Steward: Rick Spoelstra

November 8
Greeters/Ushers: Rick & Sheryl Dammann
Liturgist: Sheryl Dammann

November 15
Greeters/Ushers: Todd & Jean Stadtlander
Liturgist: Jean Stadtlander

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WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH



Our Mission Statement is:

Love God, love people, serve the world!

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Pastor Lori Shannon