Traditional Service of Worship

September 27, 2026 **11:00 a.m.**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE Mozart

Marche de Fanfare Française
9B Woodwind Quartet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please fill out a Connect Card—available in the pews (drop it in the offering plate) or digitally via the QR code at the bottom right of this bulletin.

INTROIT

*HYMN No. 384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Please respond by reading the bold text aloud)
Leader: Jesus says, "Abide in me as I abide in you."
People: We center ourselves in Christ, our source and strength.
Leader: Remain in my love, Jesus says, and love one another.
People: We receive Christ's peace and share it with others.
Leader: Come, let us center ourselves in Christ
People: Rooted in Christ, we are ready to serve.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (THE APOSTLES' CREED)
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70
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.

*RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP
Let no one be a stranger in the house of God. Please greet those around you.

*HYMN No. 397

I Need Thee Every Hour (verse 1)

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 5:14-20
LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & CENTERING PRAYER
We value the gift of generations, so all kids are invited to grab a worship bag or coloring supplies and remain in the sanctuary as part of worship. The nursery is open and available for kids four years old and younger.

ANTHEM Getty

In Christ Alone
9B Woodwind Quartet

PRAYER AND 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.

OFFERTORY Forrest

And Can It Be
Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY No. 95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*OFFERING PRAYER
Generous God, you have given us so much. Receive these gifts and use all that we share to bring hope, healing, and love in Christ's name. Amen.

*HYMN OF ILLUMINATION No.191

Jesus Loves Me

SCRIPTURE John 15:5-12
LEADER: The Word of God for the people of God.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

SERMON: Rev. Emily Knight

"From the Center, Outward"

*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 467

Trust and Obey

*THE BENEDICTION
Go in peace. Live with purpose. Love with courage. Amen.

POSTLUDE Page

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Congregation, please stand as you are able.

Worship Attendance - September 20, 2026

Contemporary Worship - In-person	68
Contemporary Worship- Online	4
Traditional Worship - In-person	117
Traditional Worship - Online	14
Total Worship	203
Paul Fey Concert (9/18/26)	312

Serving in Worship Today

9 a.m. Contemporary Service
Nursery Helper: Sharry Bible
Greeters: Rick Bible, Kevin Crowell
Tech Team: Tallulah Henderson, Barbara Merton

11 a.m. Traditional Service
Nursery Helper: Sharry Bible
Greeters: Emily Rehberg, Harriet Thurgood
Tech Team: Misty Laforty, Rhys Weisman
Usher: Connie Hodges, Miranda Snipes
Liturgist: Lara Manalo
Crucifer: Wyatt Snipes
Acolytes: Luke Garmendia, Nora Riechmann

We welcome the 9B Woodwind Quartet. The quartet was founded in 2020 for the preservation and performance of woodwind chamber music. They will present a concert in our chapel, April 18, 2027.

What's Happening Today?

Worship: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. (Room 202 & 204)
Youth Group: 10:00 a.m. (Room 302)
Kids Club: 10:00 a.m. (Room 402)
Kids Choir: 10:30 a.m. (Room 403)
Chancel Ringers: 5:00 p.m. (Room 201)

What's Happening This Week?

Tai Chi: Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. & Thursday at 7:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday Night Meals Served 5:15 p.m. (McCord Building)
Chancel Choir: Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. (Room 501)

Altar Flowers:

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

Meals Served Last Week: 157

Digital Connect Card

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RIVERSIDE PARK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

9am A Sunday Spiritual Retreat
September 27, 2026

Welcome to Riverside Park United Methodist Church
Today's worship is an invitation to slow down, breathe deeply, and make space for God. We invite you to set aside the busyness of the week and simply be present to God's presence among us.

If you would like to share a prayer request or receive church updates, please fill out a Connect Card—available in the pews (drop it in the offering plate) or digitally via the QR code on the inside right corner of this bulletin.

Gather with Song
Praise To The Lord The Almighty - Joachim Neander

Welcome & Invitation to Breathe
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:14-20
Open The Eyes of My Heart - Paul Baloche

Greet One Another in Christ
Christ Our Hope In Life And Death - Getty

Children's Message & Centering Prayer
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Announcements & Prayer
An invitation to bring our whole selves—our burdens, hopes, questions, and gratitude—into God's presence.

Offer Gifts to God
The Commission - CAIN

Scripture & Reflection on John 15:5-12
"From the Center, Outward"
by Rev. Emily Knight

Closing Benediction:
Center - Charlie Hall

→ Go in peace. Live with purpose. Love with courage. Amen.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES
Sundays Starting October 4
3-part class (10/4, 10/11, 10/18)
10 a.m. in the office library
(on the 2nd Floor)

Bible Blessing Sunday: October 4th
Bring a Bible to worship as we celebrate new third graders receiving theirs.

WOMEN IN MISSION
Sisters of Service
Tues., Oct. 13
6:30 p.m.
Parlor

Circle of Joy & Peace
Wed., Oct. 14
11 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

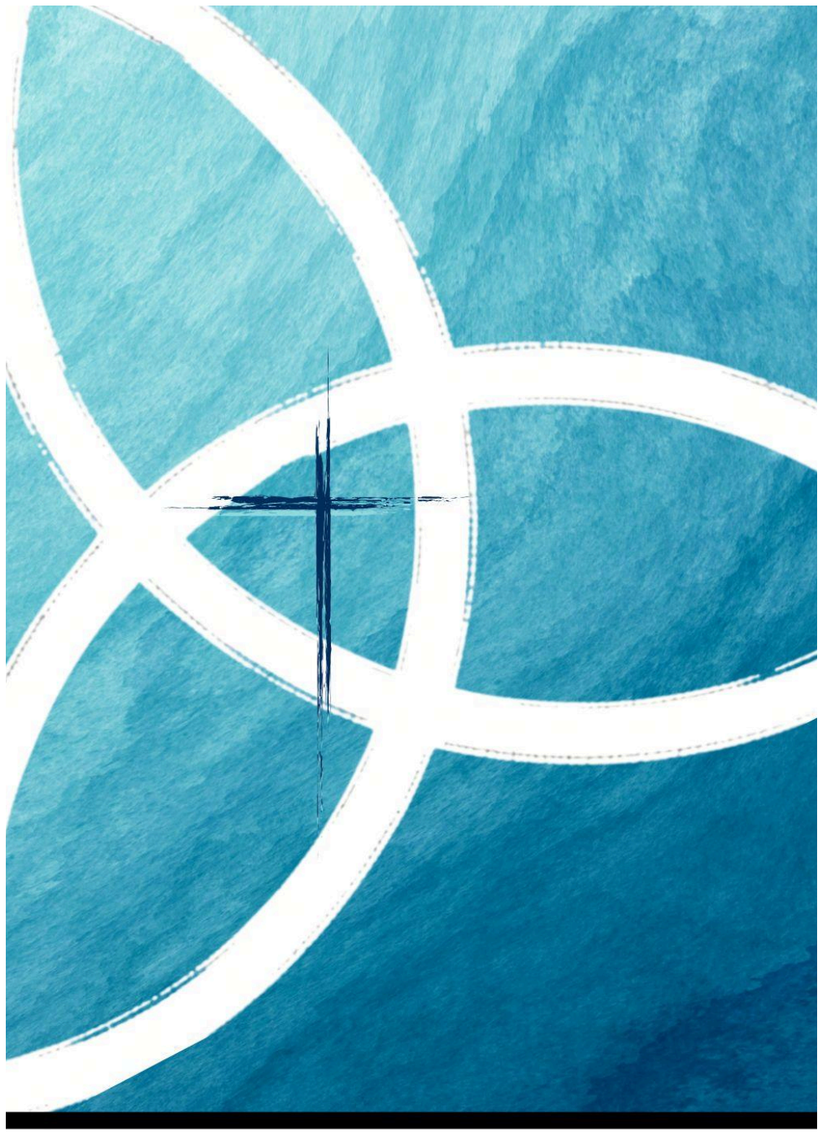
Circle of Hope
Thurs., Oct. 8
11 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

MENTAL HEALTH AND WHOLENESS
next gathering:
Friday, October 9 @ Noon
Bring your lunch and join the conversation.
2nd Fridays in the Church Office Library

Annual Charge Conference
Saturday, October 24th at 10 a.m.
Arlington UMC 1400 University Blvd. N.
Followed by "Taste of Culture" Potluck Luncheon
Bring a dish that celebrates your heritage.

TRUNK OR TREAT
SUN., OCT. 25TH 4-6PM
← SCAN TO SIGN UP

Fuel the Mission & Give Online:
RPUMC.mywell.org →
(Select ACH transfers for lower processing fees.)



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