

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 25

10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Coffee Hi
11:40 am Confirmation Class

Wednesday, October 28

5:30 LAF
7:00 pm UCC Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 1

9:00 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Coffee Hi
11:40 am Confirmation Class

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Worship Leaders and Church Staff

Rev. Jack Mahoney - Senior Minister	Rev. Elaine Miller - Minister of Visitation
Tommy Gress - Organist	Kari Jensen - Christian Ed Director
Gretchen Burbach - Choral Director	Taylor Ebsen - Church Administrator
Anthony Burbach - Bell Director/ Piano	Sarah Gregg - Church Financial Officer
Paul Ebsen - Media Director	Kathy Hasenbank, Linda Moe - Custodians

2026-2027 Interns

Charlee Huska, LAF
Lucas Thomas, Media
Larissa Camargo, Organ
Madi Maschmann, Alto
Maleah Wright, Soprano
Sam Van Gerpen, Tenor



Children are always welcome in our worship, but nursery care is available downstairs.

Hearing assist technology is available for worship services.

* Please stand if you are able

Plain Text: Leader Bold Text: All

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PRELUDE “Funeral March of a Marionette” Charles Gounod

WELCOME

Friendship Pads

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Please also complete a “Prayer Card” and put it in the collection plate.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

INTROIT:

“God of the Prophets”

God of the prophets, bless the prophet's heirs, Elijah's mantle o'er Elisha cast. Each age for its own solemn tasks prepares: make each one nobler, stronger than the last.

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Inspired by Psalm 1*)

Blessed are we who walk in the counsel of the Lord

We delight in your commandments, we meditate on your word

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God, lead us away from those who scoff and slander
Let us be like a tree, rooted in you, yielding good fruit, our leaves will not wither
You are the way of righteousness, we seek to follow
In your light, we will stand on the last day
Lead us, O Lord, make your ways straight before us
Let all who take refuge in you rejoice
Let us sing for joy
You cover us with favor, You are our shield. Hallelujah!

*HYMN OF ADORATION “Arise, Your Light is Come!” 164

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Let us bring to God our confession:
Lord, you are everywhere. There is no spot in heaven or on earth where you are not present. From the first moment of our existence to this very moment, We have been in Your presence. Everywhere. At all times. But often we forget this truth. Often we go on in the actions of life without a thought of You. But here today we remember that we are in the presence of God.
Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MUSIC TO INSPIRE “With Pipes of Tin and Wood Made Known”

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Matthew 22:34-46

HYMN OF REFLECTION “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” 449

SERMON

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC “Nocturne” Edvard Grieg

**Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

A TIME FOR PRAYER
Silent Prayer
Thanksgiving
Pastoral + Lord’s Prayer (Debts/ Debtors)

*CLOSING HYMN “I Am The Light Of The World” 584

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Toccata and Fugue” (Excerpts) J.S. Bach

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USHERS: Dave Hulkonen, Roger Boldenow
DEACON OF THE DAY: Ben Quail
NURSERY: The Hill Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COME SING WITH THE UCC CAROL SERVICE CHOIR!

All singers in high school and beyond are welcome! Join us Wednesday evenings from 7–8 p.m. as we prepare for our **83rd Annual Carol Service on December 6, 2026**. Come be part of this cherished UCC tradition! We'll have a music folder ready for you. Questions? Contact Gretchen at Coffee-Hi after worship today or email song.birdies@yahoo.com.

PRAYER IN THE MANNER OF TAIZÉ

Join us for our next Prayer in the Manner of Taizé at Danforth Chapel on campus on **Thursday, October 29, beginning 7:30 p.m.** More dates to follow! All are welcome!

USD: FALL CHOIR SHOWCASE

The University of South Dakota Music Department presents its **Fall Choral Showcase on Sunday, October 30 at 3:00 pm in Aalfs Auditorium at Slagle Hall**. The concert features the Collegium Musicum, the Symphonic Choir, Legacy Swing Vocal Jazz, and the Chamber Singers under the direction of Dr. David Holdhusen and Dr. Timothy Campbell. The choirs will perform music by master composers like Randall Thompson, as well as modern repertoire, spirituals, and folk songs. **The concert is free and open to the public.** If you would like additional information, please contact David Holdhusen, david.holdhusen@usd.edu or (605) 658-3467. The performance can also be viewed on usd.edu/livemusic.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of September 30, we have received \$197,297.60 in pledges, with a budget of \$256,019.19. We have \$58,721.59 to meet our budget needs.

If you would like to donate to the Vermillion United Church of Christ, Congregational using PayPal, please scan this QR code with your phone.

