

**Worship Participants**

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and classes.

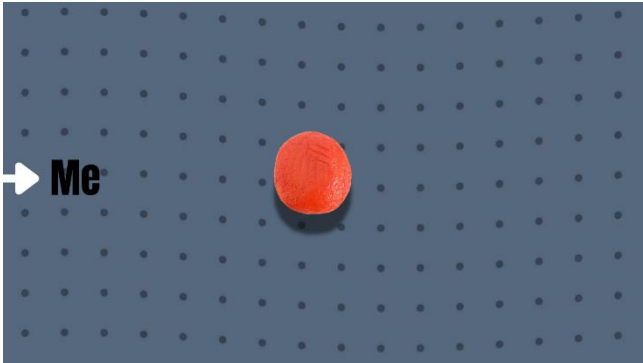


**This week**

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| Sunday    | 12:15 pm | Rezound Handbell Practice  |
| Monday    | 6:30 pm  | Parent Group               |
|           |          | Monday Night Bible Study   |
| Wednesday | 7 pm     | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  |
| Thursday  | 1 pm     | Half Truths Bible Study    |
| Friday    | 10 am    | Visitation for Norm Colbry |
|           | 11 am    | Service                    |



**11 am Worship**  
**September 20, 2026**



**Imagine If...We Really Belong to One Another**

**Scripture: Romans 12:3-8**

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We invite you to participate in worship as we connect with God  
and each other. You are welcome to remain seated, stand,  
or move around, whichever you prefer.

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

*Bind Us Together  
We Have Come into This House  
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Welcome

**All: We are a vibrant, intentionally inclusive,  
justice-seeking faith community.**

Prelude

*The Gift of Love*

Call to Worship

Leader: *What if church were more than a place where we gather?*

**People: What if church became a place  
where everyone knows they belong?**

Leader: *There is room here for every story,  
every voice, and every gift.*

**People: There is a place here for each of us.**

Leader: *We are many people, with many gifts,  
but we are one body.*

**People: Together, we belong. Together, we serve.  
Together, we worship.**

Leader: *Come, let us worship the God who makes us one.*

Opening Hymn

*The Church’s One Foundation*  
red hymnal #546; vs 1,2,4 & 5

Unison Prayer

Gracious God, thank you for calling us into a community  
where every person matters.  
Remind us that we do not come simply to attend,  
but to belong, to connect, to serve, and to share our gifts.  
Help us see the gifts in ourselves and in one another.  
Make us generous with our encouragement,  
open with our welcome, and willing to make room for others.  
Teach us to celebrate our differences  
and to trust that together we are stronger.  
May this church be a place where every person can say,  
“There is a place for me here.” Amen.

Sharing Peace

Leader: *The Peace of Christ be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

Call to Prayer

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Verse 1

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above

Verse 2

Before our Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares

Verse 3

We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear  
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear

Community Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

*Leader: Siblings in Christ...  
Yet you call us to be one body.  
Hear our prayers today.*

**People: For those who wonder if they have a place,**

Leader: *for those who feel unseen, overlooked, or forgotten,  
for those who have not yet found a community where  
they can be fully themselves*

**People: God, make room for them among us.**

**For those who are carrying gifts  
they have not yet discovered,**

Leader: *for those who wonder  
whether what they have to offer is enough,  
and for those who are searching  
for ways to make a difference—*

**People: God, make room for their gifts among us.**

**For those who lead, teach, encourage, organize,  
create, serve, comfort, and care,**

**People: God, strengthen them  
and remind them that their gifts matter.  
For communities divided by fear, difference,  
or misunderstanding,**

**People: God, make us people  
who build bridges rather than walls.**

**People: I belong. I am needed. I have something to offer.**

**All: Our Father who art in heaven...**

## Help Us Accept Each Other

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*  
red hymnal #664

## *Fanfare Postlude*