

Order of Service at the United Reformed Church  
October 12, 2025 9:30 a.m.

APPROACHING GOD

Prelude *Jesus Shall Reign* arr. Shackley  
(A time of silence to prepare our hearts to worship; please silence your cell phone)

Salutation  
Grace and peace from God the Father and Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

Call to Worship  
Weeping may endure for a night,  
**But joy comes with the morning.**  
We come limping and longing,  
**God meets us and gives us a new name.**

\*Opening Hymn (#468 Blue Book) Be Thou My Vision

Call to Confession  
In the dark places of our lives, we often wrestle with fear, pride, and self-reliance. Like Jacob, we hold on tight—to control, to our own strength, to the stories that no longer serve us. But God meets us even there—with a touch that humbles and a grace that transforms. Let us come honestly before God, trusting that the One who wrestles with us also longs to bless us.

Prayer of Confession  
**Holy God, We confess that we are weary from striving—with others, with ourselves, and even with You. We cling to our own understanding and call it faith. We run from hard truths and name it peace. We resist surrender because we fear what You might touch or take away. Yet, You come to us in the night. You meet us where we are most afraid. You wound us toward healing and rename us toward freedom. Forgive us for the ways we hide our limp and deny our need. Hold us close until blessing breaks through. In the name of Jesus, who wrestled in Gethsemane and rose to redeem our struggle, we pray. Amen.** (a moment for silent confession)

Words of Assurance  
Hear the good news: The God who meets you in the dark does not leave you there. God has heard your confession and speaks a new name over your life—Beloved. Redeemed. Whole. People of God, walk in the light of this truth:  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, healed, and made new.**  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Passing the Peace  
The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you.**

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Genesis 32:24-29

The Word of God, for the People of God!  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Becoming Who God Called You To Be

RESPONDING TO GOD

Hymn of Response (#318 Blue Book) Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
*Please Remain Seated*

\*Affirmation of Faith (Belhar Confession)

Offertory *And In All Things Give Him Thanks* Cloninger/Barker  
(And in all things give Him thanks, and in all things let your gratitude shine through, for He has given all things unto you.)

\*Doxology Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow  
\*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of The People and The Lord’s Prayer (see insert)

Announcements

\*Closing Hymn (#611 Blue Book) Precious Lord, Take My Hand

**\*Benediction**

Go into the week with a holy limp and a new name.

**We will walk as those who have wrestled and been renewed.**

May the God who meets you in the night give strength for the struggle, and courage to face what you fear.

**When the night feels long, we will remember—God is near.**

May the One who touched Jacob's hip also touch your heart—not to harm you, but to heal you.

**We will trust the wounds that make us whole.**

May the dawn find you standing in the light of grace, blessed and changed by the encounter.

**We will rise to live with hope, walking in God's new name for us.**

Go now in peace—blessed by the God who meets you in the night and sends you into the day—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Postlude *Chorale: All Lands, Sing to God in Joyful Sounds*

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## Our Invitation

Welcome to United Reformed Church! As we join together in prayer, song, and praise to God, we pray that the blessings and fellowship you find here will enrich your life. *If you are physically able, an asterisk (\*) indicates an invitation to stand.*

Bold text signifies opportunities for the congregation to read and respond responsively.

**Pastor Office Hours: Wednesday 5-7 PM; Sunday 10:30 AM-12:30 PM**

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