

Sunday, January 18, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.

HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY

TODAY'S FOCUS: RELATIONSHIPS. What does it mean to be in partnership with Jesus? Do we see ourselves as active participants with Jesus, or as silent partners?

PRELUDE — Brendan Krueger

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Lin

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** — Lin

***OPENING HYMN** UMH #140 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

REFRAIN: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **REFRAIN**

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
REFRAIN

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 40*) — Bonnie Clark

One: I waited patiently for my God, who heard my prayer.

Many: Happy are those who trust in God!

One: My amazing God lifted me up from the pit of despair when I was bogged down beyond my endurance.

Many: Happy are those who give thanks to God!

One: My feet were firmly planted on solid ground and my steps were made secure — thanks be to God!

Many: Happy are those who praise our God and proclaim God's wondrous works!

One: It is God who put a song of praise in my mouth.

Many: It is God in whom we trust!

One: May everyone rejoice and be glad, and say without ceasing, “Great is our God!”

All: Great is our God!

OPENING PRAYER — Lin

SPECIAL MUSIC — ??

HYMN TFWS #2233 “Where Children Belong”

CHILDREN’S STORY — Lin

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 — Bonnie Clark

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹ God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

MESSAGE “The Church of God” Rev. Lin Cheek

RESPONSIVE HYMN UMH #133 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

REFRAIN: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms,
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. **REFRAIN**

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. **REFRAIN**

OFFERTORY — Brendan Krueger

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #94

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION — Bonnie Clark**

All: Gracious God, we know that you do not desire sacrifices and burnt offerings, but rather the transformation of our hearts and minds. As we await your revelation in the world, fashion us and all that we offer this day into a living testimony of your glory. Amen!

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER — Lin

All: 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.

***CLOSING HYMN**

TFWS #2130 “The Summons” (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

1. Will you come and follow if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,

Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

4. Will you love the “you” you hid if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,

Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus, I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

***BENEDICTION — Lin**

POSTLUDE — Brendan Krueger

Prelude/Postlude—Brendan Krueger
Offertory— Brendan Krueger
Organ — Betsy Foushee
Liturgist — Bonnie Clark
Special Music: ???

Accomp.— Brendan Krueger
Song Leader — Janice Bachmann
Violin — Rae Ann Norell
Children's Message— Lin Cheek