

Anthion Community Methodist Church
Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson
21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2026

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song "Many Gifts, One Spirit" UMH #114

Call to Worship Liturgist: Erin Baird

L: Come, let us worship the Lord, who creates with perfect intention and boundless wisdom.

P: God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as He wanted them to be.

L: We are not here by accident, nor do we stand alone. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"

P: We need one another. We belong to one another.

L: For God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division.

P: Let us worship as one body today, united in love and equal in care for one another. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

God of Wisdom, you have arranged the parts of Christ's body exactly as You pleased. Yet, we confess our desire to rewrite Your design.

Lord, forgive our envy. Forgive us for wanting the roles of others instead of serving faithfully in our own.

We confess our pride, Lord. We have looked down on those whose gifts are quiet, hidden, or different from ours. We have lived as though we do not need one another. Lord, forgive our independence. Break our arrogance and teach us humility. Lord, forgive our cold hearts. Remove all division from our midst. Forgive us, renew us, and heal us. Bind us together in Your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Special Music

Erin Baird

We Hear God's Word

First Reading:

Romans 12: 1-8

Second Reading:

Psalm 133: 1-3

Hymn of Preparation "In Christ there is no East Or West" UMH #548

Gospel Reading

1 Corinthians 12: 18-25

Message

"One Body"

Kathy Hodgdon

God Calls Us to Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns)

Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology #95

Prayer of Dedication

ALL: Generous and Wise God,

You have uniquely gifted and purposefully placed each of us into the body of Christ. Everything we have—our resources, our talents, our time, and our very breath—comes from Your hands.

We dedicate these gifts to You today. We pray that You would use them to bind us closer together and to tear down every wall of division. May our offerings be used to lift up the vulnerable, to honor the hidden parts of our community, and to show Your deep, equal care for every person here. Amen.

Closing Hymn

"One Bread, One Body"

UMH #620

Sending Forth with Blessing

Postlude

Ministers.....EVERYONE!

Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson

Liturgist.....Erin Baird

IN THE CIRCLE OF OUR CONCERN

OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church,
our community leaders, our President, our farmers, Bobby Lewis, Tom &
Cindy Herrick, Ed & Carol Davis, Alta Patterson, Trisha Theisen & Family,
Eleanore Lewis, Rick Gubbels, Tracy Lewis, Bettina Perkins, Evelyn & Larry
Dicks, Lyle & Sally Schram, Betty Nelson, Mark Nelson, Barb Madsen,
Brad Harbaugh, Todd Verschoor, and the Family of Roger Nelson.

Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminders: Rich Petersen is in the Nursing Home in Mapleton.
Everts Miller is in the care facility in Holstein.

Adult Sunday School: Join them in learning, *"The Jesus You May Not Know"* by Dr. David Jeremiah.

Missions: We are collecting new or gently used blankets for the Warming Shelter and Gospel Mission. If you don't have time to shop, you can give your money to Marilyn and she will do the shopping for you.

October Liturgists: Oct. 25-Duane Brandt

Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries: Cody Randall (21); Jeff & Jacque Gothier (22); Holly Petersen (23)

October Upper Room Devotionals are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Anthon Military: To our men and women in uniform...past, present and future, God Bless You and Thank You! If you have a loved one connected to the service, please let us know.

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