

St. John United Church  
United Methodist/Presbyterian Church (USA)  
UNITED IN LOVE - UNITED FOR SERVICE  
Wilde Lake Interfaith Center  
10431 Twin Rivers Road, Columbia MD 21044

SJU FLASH October 24, 2025

We will worship in person and online on Sunday, October 26, at 10:30 AM, on this Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost.

We livestream our [worship service](#) directly from the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center starting about 10:25 AM, with the service starting promptly at 10:30 AM. You may access the worship service via our [Facebook Page](#) or our [YouTube Channel](#). You may also access our worship service from our [website](#) by clicking on the 'Worship' drop-down menu and clicking on [online worship](#). However you worship with us, we welcome you with the love of Christ and a deep longing for a relationship with you.

If you experience difficulty accessing content on Facebook, YouTube, or our website, please contact Aleia Street, our Church Administrator by clicking [here](#).

This Sunday, Gayelle Sama will be the liturgist. Rev. Hyiwot Teshome will lead us in worship. The scripture readings are Sirach 35:12-17 and Luke 18:9-14, and the sermon is entitled, "The Prayer God Hears".

The hymns selected for this Sunday are: (all from Glory to God GTG, unless specified)

1. Opening Song: "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" #415
2. Responsive Hymn: "Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord" TFWS #2131
3. Offertory: "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" (video)  
[https://youtu.be/OqG\\_iQwqEOE?si=5ZmLg\\_JogVFXhH8](https://youtu.be/OqG_iQwqEOE?si=5ZmLg_JogVFXhH8)
4. Closing Hymn: "It's Me, It's Me, O Lord" #352
5. Postlude: "Music for Reflection" by Patricia Hammer

Announcements:

SJU, in partnership with Kittamaqundi Community Church, provides the afternoon meal on the first Wednesday of each month to The Leola Dorsey Community Resource Center in Jessup. The center's meal program is run under the guidance of Grassroots and serves 100 – 150 individuals at each meal. Volunteers are needed in the preparation of hot meals (recipes and aluminum trays provided) and cold food items (fruit, desserts, beverages) that are to be delivered to the center at 1:30pm on the first Wednesday of each month. If you are interested in contributing to this endeavor or would like additional information, please contact Meredith Phillips, [meredithcp88@gmail.com](mailto:meredithcp88@gmail.com).

The WLIFC Library is open every Sunday morning from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 11:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Stop by! It's open to all members of SJU and SJERC for borrowing and browsing. Our growing collection (in Spanish as well as English) isn't just

religious works-we also have books on history, caring for family members, economics, politics, humor, and so much more. We also have many picture books, easy readers, chapter books, and YA for teens. You can even take a seat at our table for a little quiet time before the service. Every withdrawal helps let us know what kinds of books are sought by our community, so please stop by.

Interested in volunteering to help at the library? Contact Pamela Love at [Pamela\\_Love25@msn.com](mailto:Pamela_Love25@msn.com)

Upcoming Events:

Next Sunday is All Saints' Day.

Message from Pastor Hyiwot:

Members and friends of the church are welcome to visit with me at their convenience. You can book an appointment with me at this [LINK](#).