

| 8:30 am Worship with Praise Music                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |              |
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| Assisted Listening Devices are available at the A/V booth. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |              |
| Chiming of the Trinity                                     | Andrea Turner                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |              |
| Welcome                                                    | Rev. Laura Fine Ledford                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |              |
| * Opening Praise Songs                                     | That's Who I Praise<br>Holy Forever                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Praise Team  |
| * Opening Prayer                                           | Don Warsing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |
| * Passing of the Peace                                     | The peace of Christ be with you. <b>And also with you.</b><br><i>As a forgiven and reconciled people, we exchange<br/>peace with others in the congregation.</i>                                                                                             |              |
| First Scripture Reading                                    | Psalm 139                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Sandra Brann |
| Children’s Moment                                          | Blair Roberts<br><i>Nursery (ages 5 &amp; under) is available (116). A calming room (111),<br/>movement room (115), and nursing room (114) are available.<br/>Activity items are available in the Narthex.<br/>Children must be accompanied by an adult.</i> |              |
| * Second Scripture Reading                                 | Luke 15:1-10<br>This is the Word of God for us, the people of God. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>                                                                                                                                                                  |              |
| Sermon                                                     | “Love Lived Out: Welcomed As We Are”<br>Rev. Laura Fine Ledford                                                                                                                                                                                              |              |
| Prayer                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |              |
| * Response Praise Song                                     | Who You Say I Am                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Praise Team  |
| Prayers of the People                                      | Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |              |
| The Lord’s Prayer                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |              |
| Prayer Shawl Blessing                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |              |
| Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings             | <i>Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it down the row and back again.</i>                                                                                                                                                                               |              |
|                                                            | Offertory                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |              |
|                                                            | * Offering Praise Song                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |              |
|                                                            | * Prayer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |              |
| * Closing Praise Song                                      | This Is Amazing Grace                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Praise Team  |
| * Dismissal with Blessing                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |              |

| 11:00 am Traditional Worship                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                             |          |
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| Assisted Listening Devices are available at the A/V booth.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                             |          |
| Gathering                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                             |          |
| Chiming of the Trinity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Andrea Turner                               |          |
| Welcome                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Rev. Laura Fine Ledford                     |          |
| * Prelude                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Paula Scicluna                              |          |
| * Call to Worship                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                             |          |
| Out of full calendars and half-finished to-do lists,<br><b>Just as we are, we are welcome here.</b><br>Carrying joy we can barely contain and worries we haven't spoken aloud,<br><b>Just as we are, we are welcome here.</b><br>With tired hands, restless children, and hearts still searching,<br><b>Just as we are, we are welcome here.</b><br>God's arms are wide open.<br><b>Just as we are, we are welcome here.</b> |                                             |          |
| * Opening Hymn                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (vs 1-3) | UMH, 103 |
| * Opening Prayer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                             |          |
| Rev. Dr. Damion Quay<br><b>Welcoming God, before we learned to hide our rough edges, you knew us<br/>and called us beloved. Before we tried to earn our place, you had already<br/>made room. Teach us to welcome one another the way you have<br/>welcomed us: fully, freely, and without condition. In the name of Christ,<br/>who never turned anyone away. Amen.</b>                                                     |                                             |          |
| * Confession and Words of Assurance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                             |          |
| The leader ends with " ... In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven."<br><b>In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                             |          |
| * Passing of the Peace                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                             |          |
| The peace of Christ be with you. <b>And also with you.</b><br><i>As a forgiven and reconciled people, we exchange<br/>peace with others in the congregation.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                             |          |
| Proclamation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                             |          |
| Prayer for Illumination                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Gwen Cox                                    |          |
| The Lord be with you. <b>And also with you.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                             |          |
| First Scripture Reading                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Psalm 139                                   |          |
| Children's Moment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                             |          |
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| Proclamation Song                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Sheltered in God's Hands                                                                    | Chancel Choir |
| * Second Scripture Reading                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Luke 15:1-10<br>This is the Word of God for us, the people of God. <b>Thanks be to God.</b> |               |
| Sermon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | “Love Lived Out: Welcomed As We Are”<br>Rev. Laura Fine Ledford                             |               |
| <b>Response and Thanksgiving</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                             |               |
| * Responsive Hymn                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Spirit Song                                                                                 | UMH, 347      |
| Prayers of the People                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                             |               |
| The Lord’s Prayer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                             |               |
| Prayer Shawl Blessing<br>Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the hands that knit and<br>crochet these gifts of love and grace, and for the prayers woven into<br>every stitch. Bless each of them as a sign of your embrace. May they<br>wrap those who wear them in your warmth, comfort, and peace. In<br>times of sorrow, bring consolation. In times of illness, bring strength<br>and healing. In times of grief, bring peace. In times of joy, let it be a<br>reminder of your goodness. May all who receive them know that they<br>are held in love, remembered in prayer, and never alone. We ask all of<br>these things in the name of the One who has carefully knit all of us<br>together as the body of Christ. Amen. |                                                                                             |               |
| Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings<br><i>Please sign the Fellowship Pad, pass it down the row, and back again.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                             |               |
| Offertory                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                             |               |
| * Doxology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                             | UMH, 94       |
| * Prayer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                             |               |
| <b>Sending Forth</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                             |               |
| * Closing Hymn                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling                                                        | UMH, 348      |
| * Dismissal with Blessing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                             |               |
| * Postlude                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Paula Scicluna                                                                              |               |
| * <i>Please stand as you are able.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                             |               |
| The flowers on the altar are given by Laura & Todd Smith<br>in honor of our 25th wedding anniversary.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                             |               |
| <div><div></div><div>Kelly Hodges, Darrel Johnson, Kim Blair</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                             |               |

### Visiting for the first time? We're glad you're here!

Please text "Welcome" to 919-689-4300, scan the QR code, or write your name and phone number in the attendance pad. We'd love to greet you by text and email. Stop by the Welcome Center to receive a gift and learn more about us!



### Upcoming News & Events

Sign up for events and learn more by visiting our website.



#### Pull Up a Chair this Tuesday!

Join the Tuesday Lunch Crew for good food, great conversation, and even better company! Meet us at Piper's (8304 Falls of Neuse Rd.) on Tuesday, October 13 at 11:30 am. Come as you are—everyone is welcome!

#### Kids on a Mission: Honoring Our Veterans

Our kids are serving with gratitude! On October 18, Kids on a Mission will honor our veterans by learning from John Hutchison about their sacrifices, then making cards and assembling goodie bags to share with veterans. You can help, too! Donate snacks, candy, or other treats in the collection bin in the Norwood Road foyer.



#### Costa Rica Mission Trip Interest Meeting

Interested in serving in Costa Rica in July 2027? Join us for an interest meeting on October 18 at 4 pm to learn more about this opportunity to serve alongside local communities with Agua Viva Serves. Youth and adults are welcome!



#### Gleaning for All Ages!

Gather the family and make a difference! Join us Saturday, October 24, for a fun morning of gleaning at a nearby farm through the Society of St. Andrew. We'll meet at church at 8:30 am before heading to our assigned farm.

Register using the QR code or online.

All ages are welcome!

#### Looking Ahead at Future Dates

- 10/19: Monday Night Formation for Men, 6 pm, fire pit behind SUMC
- 10/24: Happiness Ministry Halloween Event, 5:30 pm
- 10/25: Trunk or Treat, 5-6:30 pm
- 10/26-10/30: Carolina Rebuilding Ministry Work Week
- 10/28: Charge Conference, 6 pm, Sanctuary
- 10/28: Dismantling Racism Discussion, 7:30 pm, Zoom
- 11/10: Tuesday Lunch Crew, 11:30 am, Carolina Ale House
- 11/13-15: Pilgrimage, Youth Trip, Rocky Mount
- 11/15: Newcomer's Lunch, 12:15 pm

More details & dates coming soon!

Give Online — Every gift helps us serve and grow together.



### Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

[Zoom & Microsoft Teams links can be found at soapstoneumc.org/calendar](https://soapstoneumc.org/calendar)

#### Sunday, October 11

- 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services
- 9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
- 12:15 pm Children's Council, 108/110
- 4:00 pm Set In Stone Practice, Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm One-and-Done Book Study with Pastor Laura, 101/103
- 5:00 pm Kids' Rock & Youth Group (ends at 6:30 pm)

#### Monday, October 12

- 5:45 pm Girl Scout Troop 1387, 101/103
- 6:30 pm Boy Scouts, Chapel
- 7:00 pm Invitation to the New Testament, 108/110
- 7:00 pm Soul Tenders, 200

#### Tuesday, October 13

- 9:00 am Intercessory Prayer Group, 114
- 9:30 am MOMCo, 108/110
- 11:30 am Tuesday Lunch Crew, Piper's (8304 Falls of Neuse Rd)
- 1:15 pm Pilates, 200
- 6:15 pm Women's Ministry Planning Team, 200
- 6:30 pm Cub Scout Den Meetings, downstairs
- 7:00 pm Adult Council, 200
- 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Group, Norwood Foyer

#### Wednesday, October 14

- 9:45 am Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study, 200
- 2:00 pm Dementia Support Group, 108/110
- 6:00 pm Youth Handbells, 117
- 6:00 pm Grief Share, 101/103
- 6:00 pm Eagle Boards of Review, 111 & 114
- 7:00 pm Cantata Choir Practice, 119

#### Thursday, October 15

- 9:45 am Pilates, 200
- 1:30 pm MOMCo Playdate, SUMC Playground
- 6:30 pm Adult Handbells, 119
- 7:00 pm Thursday Night Ladies Bible Study, 101/103
- 7:30 pm Praise Team Practice, Sanctuary

#### Friday, October 16

- 10:00 am Fridays with Friends, 200

**Saturday, October 17, No church events scheduled**

#### Pastors and Directors serving today:

Lead Pastor: Rev. Laura Fine Ledford, [lfineledford@soapstoneumc.org](mailto:lfineledford@soapstoneumc.org)  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye, [dquaye@soapstoneumc.org](mailto:dquaye@soapstoneumc.org)  
Director of Music Ministries: Andrea Turner, [aturner@soapstoneumc.org](mailto:aturner@soapstoneumc.org)  
Interim Director of Children's Ministries: Blair Roberts, [broberts@soapstoneumc.org](mailto:broberts@soapstoneumc.org)

**Office hours:** Monday — Thursday, 9 am — 3:30 pm, 919-846-2212

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UNITED METHODIST

**October 11, 2026**

**20th Sunday after Pentecost**

We're so glad you've joined us today.

Whether you come from a place of peace

and wholeness or from the fringe with

a heart of despair and confusion,

know that you are loved and accepted

by God and his son Jesus Christ.

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