

Sodus United Third Methodist Church
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Sending Forth into our Mission Field
Where we live, work, and play

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**Our mission as a Church is to nurture and
encourage those seeking Christ within our
community and beyond**

**Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am
Receiving the Light of Christ
Welcoming: Opening Prayer:**

**Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries,
Concerns, Joys**

Call to Worship

L: Family of God, we gather today to unite our voices and our lives
in praise to God!

P: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

L: We gather to celebrate how God binds us together to live, work,
play, and rest as the Body of Christ!

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L: We gather to remember how God has worked through us to
share Christ's love with one another and our neighbors through
our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our
witness.

P: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

L: Family of God, today we come as diverse and unique members
of the Body of Christ to learn and grow not in uniformity but in
unity to love God, self, neighbor, and all creation.

P: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn: UMH # 383 This Is a Day of New Beginnings

Prayer of Confession

O God, we yearn to be a community of believers, united in
your Spirit. And yet we are fraught with divisions:
denominational, political, theological. We are weighed down
by tensions and the things that break us apart. Forgive us,
great God, for this great sin. Help us to learn to live in
community together, loving one another, in spite of our
differences, and respecting one another in everything that we
do and say. Help us to be as you call us, one in heart and
mind. Only through the grace of your son, Jesus Christ, can
we achieve this. Amen.

Psalm 133

**L: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when we live together
in unity!**

**P: It is like the precious oil up on the head, running down
upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, running down on
the collar of his robes!**

**L: It is like the dew of Hermon which falls on the mountains of
Zion!**

**P: For There the Lord has commanded the blessings, life
forevermore.**

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 45:1-15

Hymn: TFWS # 2171 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Epistle Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:10-28

Message: For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Lord's Prayer:

Offering:

Offering Prayer:

Gracious God, you pour your blessing upon your people like
dew upon the earth and oil upon the head, flowing beyond all
boundaries we would draw. We thank you for the gift of
unity—good and pleasant, beautiful and life-giving—meant
not only for us, but for the healing of the world. Receive these
offerings as signs of our desire to live together in your love,
to practice radical welcome, and to share your abundance
with all your children. Let what we give today flow outward in
compassion and service, that our life together may reflect
your kingdom of peace, justice, and joy. Amen.

Hymn: UMH # 130 God Will Take Care of You

Blessings