

NEED A RIDE TO WORSHIP?

We know that some of our Third Avenue friends and neighbors don't drive and may be wondering how to stay connected for worship in the weeks ahead. You are an important part of our church family, and we want to make sure transportation isn't a barrier to your participation.

If you would like a ride to one of our other campuses for Sunday worship, please call the church office at 231-796-7771. We'll be glad to help coordinate a ride so you can continue to worship, connect, and be part of the life we share together.

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE FOR PARIS CAMPUS

Beginning Sunday, November 2, the Paris Campus will begin worship at 9:30 AM. Our hope is that this adjustment will make it easier for more people to join in worship and fellowship. Whether you've been part of the Paris congregation for years or you're just looking for a place to belong, we invite you to come and celebrate this new season with us.

Mark your calendars, spread the word, and join us at 9:30 AM starting November 2 as we continue to worship, grow, and serve together.

CHILI & CORNBREAD COOK-OFF

It's time for one of our favorite fall traditions—the Chili & (NEW) Cornbread Cook-Off! Bring your best pot of chili or your favorite pan of cornbread to share, or just come ready to taste, enjoy, and cast your vote for the winners! We'll have prizes for crowd favorites and bragging rights that last all year long.

This is a family-friendly event and free to attend. Bowls, tasting cups, and drinks will be provided. Whether you're competing or just sampling, it's a perfect way to warm up, laugh a lot, and celebrate community together.

Come hungry and ready for some fun on Sunday, November 2 at 11:15 AM @ First Church—you won't want to miss it!

Happening This Week

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26  
9AM - Worship @ Paris Campus  
10:00AM - Worship @ First Church Campus  
11AM - Worship @ Third Ave Campus  
Fellowship & Coffee immediately After Worship

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27  
12PM - Alcoholics Anonymous @ Third Ave

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28  
12PM - Alcoholics Anonymous @ Third Ave  
6:30PM - SOUL Circle Gathering @ First  
7PM - Alcoholics Anonymous @ Paris

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29  
10AM - SOUL Circle Gathering @ First  
11:30AM - Community Lunch @ Third Ave  
6:30PM - Book Study "Unoffendable" @ First

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30  
11:00AM - Book Study "Unoffendable" @ First  
5:30PM - Community Dinner @ First  
7PM - Alcoholics Anonymous @ Paris

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31  
12PM - Alcoholics Anonymous @ Third Ave

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1  
11AM - Alcoholics Anonymous @ Paris  
11:30AM - Community Lunch @ Third Ave

FALL PERSONAL HYGIENE PANTRY NEEDS LIST:  
Donated items can be put in the basket in Fellowship Hall, under the bulletin boards.

- Deodorant
- Paper Towel
- Toilet Paper
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Shampoo & Conditioners
- Body Wash
- Cleaning Products
- Laundry Detergent
- Adult Toothpaste

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Pastor Jeremy's office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9-11:30AM and 1:30-4PM. Appointments are highly recommended and can be booked by contacting either Barbara Erb, Pastor Jeremy, or by visiting: calendly.com/jeremy-ummecosta .

Week of October 26 - November 1, 2025

Family News



GOD IS IN CONTROL

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PASTOR OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY & THURSDAY, 9AM - 11:30AM & 1:30PM - 4PM

PARIS CAMPUS  
109 Lincoln St  
Paris, MI 49338  
ummecosta.org/paris

Worship Gathering  
Sundays @ 9AM

FIRST CHURCH  
CAMPUS  
304 Elm Street  
Big Rapids, MI 49307  
bigrapidsfirst.org

Worship Gathering  
in-person and online  
Sundays @ 10AM

THIRD AVE CAMPUS  
226 North Third Ave  
Big Rapids, MI 49307  
ummecosta.org/third

Worship Gathering  
Sundays @ 11AM

# Order of Worship - October 26, 2025

**Welcome Hymn** - *"This is the Day"*

**Community Announcements**

**Prelude** – Ed Mallett

**Call to Worship**

Come, all who feel the weight of loss.  
*We come, ready to find strength for today.*

God meets us here, turning sorrow into courage.  
*God's love lifts us and carries us forward.*

Even in the darkest valley, light is breaking through.  
*We will rise, holding on to hope that will not fail.*

Let us worship the God who renews our hearts.  
*We come, trusting His power to heal, restore,  
and make us new.*

**Opening Hymn** – UMH# 369, *"Blessed Assurance"*

**Celebration of Holy Communion** – Rev. Kim Bos

**Praises and Prayers**

**Scripture** – 1 Samuel 2: 1-21

**Hymn of Preparation** – UMH # 377, *"It is Well With My Soul"*

**Message** – *"God is in Control"* – David Hanna

**Remembrances and Remarks**

**Offertory**

**Sending Hymn** – UMH# 378, *"Amazing Grace"*

**Benediction**

\*PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT

NOTES:



Check In Here

## "THIS IS THE DAY" LYRICS

This is the day  
*This is the day*  
That the Lord has made  
*That the Lord has made*

We will rejoice  
*We will rejoice*  
And be glad in it  
*And be glad in it*

***This is the day that the Lord has made***  
***We will rejoice and be glad in it***

This is the day  
*This is the day*  
***That the Lord has made***

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.