



October 4, 2026, 10:30 am
World Communion

Welcome to worship! Led by the Holy Spirit, we glorify God, nurture the faith with each other, and witness the fullness of Christ's love in the world. Today's worship service includes the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. All are invited to share in this joyful feast as it is served in the pews. See our ushers for nursery information, assisted listening devices, restroom locations, or other needs. We are glad you are here!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

✠We rise in body or spirit.
We say words in bold together.

GATHERING

Centering Bells, Welcome and Announcements Rev. Elizabeth Lovell Milford

Prelude *Air* Gordon Young
Silent prayer of preparation

As we gather at your table from all over the world, O God, we pray that all may be one in Spirit. Knead us together into one loaf. Unite us in mission and service. May we sow righteousness and harvest peace, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Introit *O Taste and See* R. Vaughan Williams

Call to Worship *by Rev. Gord Waldie*

Liturgist: Betsy Mathias

Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

We gather with them in heart and mind.

Around the world the broken body is made whole.

As part of that body we join in its unity.

Around the world the banquet of God is prepared for the table.

We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.

North and south, east and west, let us worship together.

✠Hymn 311

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

*Here, O Lord, your servants gather, hand we link with hand;
looking toward our Savior's cross, joined in love we stand.*

As we seek the realm of God, we unite to pray:

Jesus, Savior, guide our steps, for you are the Way.

*Many are the tongues we speak, scattered are the lands;
yet our hearts are one in God, one in love's demands.*

*While in darkness hope appears, calling age and youth:
Jesus, teacher, dwell with us, for you are the Truth.*

*Nature's secrets open wide, changes never cease;
where, O where, can weary souls find the source of peace?*

*Unto all those sore distressed, torn by endless strife:
Jesus, healer, bring your balm, for you are the Life.*

*Grant, O God, an age renewed, filled with deathless love;
help us as we work and pray; send us from above*

*truth and courage, faith and power needed in our strife:
Jesus, Savior, be our Way; be our Truth, our Life.*

✠Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have called us to community, and yet we remain divided. We confess that we live more in apathy born of fatalism than in passion born of hope. We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice. We try to speak in your name without relinquishing our glories, without nourishing our souls, without relying wholly on your grace. Forgive us our fear, anxiety, prejudice, and misunderstandings. Strengthen our common bond and reshape us in your image as the body of Christ. Amen.

✠ Assurance of Pardon *2 Corinthians 5:17*

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

✠ Joyful Response (Hymn 583)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

✠ Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: *Psalms 19:1-14*

p. 613 in the pew Bible

Moment with the Children

Natasha Taylor, Faith Formation Coordinator

Anthem

At the Name of Jesus Ralph Vaughan Williams arr N. Johnson

Scripture Reading: *Philippians 3:4b-14*

p. 242 in the pew Bible

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

To Know Christ

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠ Affirmation of Faith from *Confession of Belhar*

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. . . . We believe that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; . . . the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures, are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ, opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within the one visible people of God; that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church.

✠Hymn 322 *We Are One in Christ Jesus (Somos uno en Cristo)*
 You are invited to sing first in English and then in Spanish.
We are one in Christ Jesus, all one body, all one spirit, all together.
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We share one God, one mighty Lord, one abiding faith, one binding love,
one single baptism, one Holy Comforter, the Holy Spirit, uniting all.

[Spanish] *Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno, somos uno, uno solo.*
Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno, somos uno, uno solo.
Un solo Dios, un solo Señor, una sola fe, un solo amor,
un solo bautismo, un solo Espíritu, y ése es el Consolador.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, loving God . . .
singing the hymn of the whole creation:

(Hymn 595) Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord!

Santo, santo, santo ¡Mi corazón te adora!

Mi corazón te sabe decir: ¡Santo eres, Señor!

We praise you, most holy God, for Jesus Christ, . . . Great is the mystery of
faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit . . . almighty God, now and forever,
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer Dorothy Mondak (Spanish), Sammy Merrill (German)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;

Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre;

thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad, como en el cielo, así también en la
tierra.

Give us this day our daily bread.

El pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Und vergib uns unsere Schuld, wie wir vergeben unsern Schuldigern.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung, sondern erlöse uns von dem Übel.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Denn dein ist das Reich und die Kraft und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

After being served in the pew, you may consume the elements in a moment of personal prayer or hold them so we may partake together. All the bread is gluten-free and the cups contain grape juice. These are the gifts of God for the people of God!

Communion Anthem *O Bread of Life from Heaven* Heinrich Isaac

Prayer After Receiving

SENDING

✠Hymn 853 *We Are Marching in the Light of God (Siyahamba)*
during the last verse, children are dismissed to the ed building for Covenant Choir.
We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.
We are dancing...
We are praying...
We are singing...

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Postlude *Prelude in D Major* J.K.F. Fischer



*The flowers on the pulpit are given by Opal Stroup
in memory of her husband, Earl, on the 46th anniversary of their wedding.*

Serving in Worship Today:

Organist: Amy Shirk

Director of Music: Mike McCarthy

Ushers: Paul Kukla, Chuck Penick

Elevator Assistant: Kaden Yealy

Sanctuary Guild: Piper Foresman

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