



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

October 4, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.
World Communion Sunday

We are called to be a welcoming and supportive community whose inspiring worship of God encourages everyone to deepen their faith and to respond to the needs of the world with the compassion of Christ.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

***Please rise in body or in spirit.**

Chiming of the Hour

We encourage you to quiet your minds and hearts for worship at this time.

Welcome and Announcements

Sign the Friendship Register at the end of your pew and pass it to your neighbor.

Organ Voluntary

Holy Manna

David Cherwien

WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

*Call to Worship

Leader: God has planted the vineyard and entrusted the world to our care.

People: We gather within the goodness and generosity of God.

Leader: God looks for justice, righteousness, and compassion.

People: Open our lives to bear the fruit of Your love.

Leader: Christ gathers people of every nation and tradition around one table.

People: In one bread and one cup, we discover that we belong to one another.

*Processional Hymn

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Hymn #509

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

God of the vineyard, You have entrusted us with gifts intended to nourish the world, yet we confess that we often treat them as possessions to protect. We cultivate religious appearances while neglecting justice, overlook the cries of hurting neighbors, and build fences around tables You intended to be open. We confuse leadership with ownership, tradition with faithfulness, and comfort with peace. Forgive us. Open our ears to the cries we have ignored and our hands to the neighbors we have kept at a distance. Nourish us with Your mercy, reshape our life together, and help us bear the fruit of justice.

***Silent Confessions**

***Assurance of God's Grace**

***Response to Confession**

We Are Forgiven
We are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Hymn #447

***The Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share that peace with one another.

A Conversation with Young Disciples

All children are invited to come forward for the children's message.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 5:1–7; Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 634

In honor of World Communion Sunday, Charles Croissant will read this scripture passage in German.

We invite you to read the English text in your pew bibles, OT page 634.

Leader: Holy wisdom, Holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Tuya es la gloria

trad Latin American
arr. Mack Wilberg

Tuya es la gloria, lo honra también; tuya para siempre. Amén. To Thee be the glory, we honor Thy name now and forever. Amen. Tuyo los dominios, los tronos también. Tuyo para siempre. Amén. Power and glory, we honor Thy name. Now and forever. Amen. A ti yo me rindo, te adoro también; amor absoluto. Amén. Our lives we surrender, our praise, our love, now and forever. Amen. Gloria en las alturas y en la tierra también; gloria alleluia. Amén. Glory in the highest, on earth goodwill. Glory, alleluia. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:33–46; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 24

Leader: Holy wisdom, Holy word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

What Grows Here?
Rev'd. Gary Noonan

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Anthem

We Gather At Your Table, Lord

Walter Ehret

We gather at Your table, Lord, grant peace and unity. In keeping with Your will and word, may we one body be. Now let us take the sacred bread, our souls and bodies feed. In heart and soul we shall be fed. Your holy will to heed. Now let us take the wine of heaven, for Christ, whose blood was shed. That here we meet with sins forgiven, and by His grace are led. To you, O Lord, we sing our song, may we be one in love. For we, by faith, to You belong, one with Your church above!

Prayer of Dedication

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All are invited to celebrate Communion. The bread is gluten-free to ensure that all are welcome to the table.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

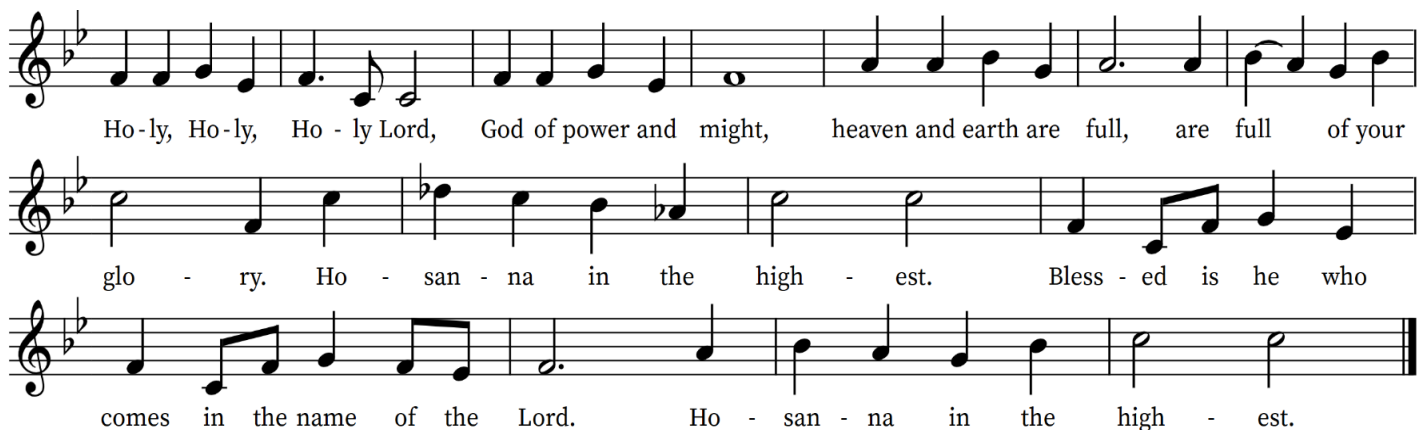
Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Leader: It is truly right to give you thanks...we join our voices with Christians worshiping in every land and with the faithful of every time and place:



Leader: Holy God, pour out Your Spirit...Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
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 Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Communion Hymns

Come to the Table of Grace	Hymn #507
I Come With Joy	Hymn #515

Prayer Of Commitment (Unison)

God of every nation and people, You have gathered and fed us at the table of Christ.
Send us into your vineyard with open hands and attentive hearts. Where cries have gone unheard, give us courage to listen and respond. Where tables are divided, make us agents of welcome. May the communion we have received become visible in justice, compassion, and shared abundance. Amen.

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

*Closing Hymn	As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought	Hymn #712
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*Benediction

Choral Response	God Be In My Head	Robert H. Young
<i>God be in my head, and in my understanding. God be in my eyes, and in my looking.</i>		
<i>God be in my mouth, and in my speaking. God be in my heart, and in my thinking.</i>		
<i>God be at my end, and at my departing.</i>		

Organ Voluntary	Toccata	Ramón Noble
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Worship Leaders:

Rev'd. Gary Noonan, *Senior Pastor*; Rev. Rachel Finken, *Associate Pastor*

Music Ministry:

Bill Stein, *Director of Music Ministries*; Laura Burgio, *Collaborative Pianist*; Chancel Choir

Cross Bearer: Dagny Dunaway **Acolyte:** Sal Dunaway

Livestream Host: Gary Hepp **Usher Captain:** Carol Layton

Ushers: Georgia Hepp, Joe Marting, Lindsay Marting, Eve Fonseca, Daniel Fonseca, Wayne Ullery

Communion Servers: Sharon Croissant, Julie Grant, Peter Hurd, Bill Reeves, Kim Selle, Sue Smith