



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

October 11, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



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.

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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

Trumpet Tune

Robert Lau

WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God prepares a feast for all peoples.

People: We come with gratitude for a welcome wider than we can imagine.

Leader: God is a refuge for those in distress.

People: We bring our questions, our burdens, and our hope.

Leader: There is room here to receive love and learn to share it.

People: Open our hearts to one another.

Leader: Come, the invitation is ours today.

People: With joy and expectation, let us worship God.

*** Processional Hymn**

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Hymn #363

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Welcoming God, You make room for us, yet we do not always make room for others. We become absorbed in our own concerns and fail to notice who is hungry, lonely, or waiting to be included. We speak of belonging while leaving barriers unchallenged. We receive kindness without allowing it to shape our choices. Forgive us. Open our eyes to the people beside us and beyond us. Help us listen with patience, share with generosity, and respond with courage. May the love we receive become visible in the welcome we offer to others.

***Silent Confessions**

***Assurance of God's Grace**

***Response to Confession**

We Are Forgiven

Hymn #447

We are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***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.

Sacrament of Baptism

Amelia Antunes
child of Mark and Margaret Antunes

Hymn of Response

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Hymn #486

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 25:1-9; Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 652

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

God Is Our Refuge

Allen Pote

God is our refuge and strength, a present help in time of trouble. Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear. Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God. He is in the midst of his people in all the earth. He is the Word, we are His hands, He will lead us. He is the air, we are His song, we will celebrate His presence all the day long. He is the rain, we are the stones, He will cleanse us. We will not fear!

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:1-14; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 24

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

There's A Place For You
Rev'd Gary Noonan

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn**

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

Hymn #503

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Anthem

The Road Home

text: Michael D. Browne

music: Stephen Paulus

Tell me where is the road I can call my own, that I left, that I lost so long ago? All these years I have wandered, O when will I know there's a way, there's a road that will lead me home? After wind, after rain, when the dark is done, as I wake from a dream in the gold of day, through the air there's a calling from far away. There's a voice I can hear that will lead me home. Rise up, follow me, come away is the call. With love in your heart as the only song. There is no such beauty as where you belong. Rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.

Prayer of Dedication

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

*Closing Hymn

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Hymn #687

stanzas 1 and 2: all stanza 3: high voices stanza 4: all stanza 5: low voices stanza 6: all

*Benediction

Choral Response

God Be In My Head

Robert H. Young

God be in my head, and in my understanding. God be in my eyes, and in my looking. God be in my mouth, and in my speaking. God be in my heart, and in my thinking. God be at my end, and at my departing.

Organ Voluntary

Chorale Prelude on 'St Anne'

CHH Parry

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;
Sophie Shugart-Fischer, *soloist*

Cross Bearer: Gregor Noonan **Acolyte:** James Finken

Livestream Host: Gerald DeWulf **Usher Captain:** Art McDonnell

Ushers: Jim Cooper, Pam Cooper, Wayne Ullery, Cy Woodrome, Julie Woodrome

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