

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, October 4, 2026
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
GATHERING

* Please stand if you are able

GtG = Glory to God

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The banquet table is prepared and God calls us to feast together.

All: We have come from east and west, from north and south, to sit at Christ's table.

One: Compassion, love, and grace pour out like fine wine.

All: God's Word is bread for our journey.

One: Let us join Christians around the world to share in God's gifts.

All: Let us taste and see that the Lord is good!

All: Come, let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN: "Taste and See" GtG #520**

Refrain

**Taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.**

**O taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.

**Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord,
for God has been so good to me.**

Refrain

(continue...)

**2. Glorify the Lord with me,
Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord, who answered me;
from all of my troubles, I was set free.**

Refrain

**Taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.
O taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

**3. Worship the Lord, all you people.
You'll want for nothing, if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
in God we need put all our trust.**

Refrain

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PRAYER OF ADORATION

*One: Eternal God, God of our past, present and future,
as we come to your table today, we recognize that,
here, heaven and earth join hands. Around this holy table,
we join with your church which stretches around the world,
and across many generations, to meet you in our midst.
As we remember Jesus this day, unite us to those who have
served you over the centuries, and to all who serve you
in so many different situations today. We praise you for
your amazing love which embraces this countless congregation
and invites us into a future you are creating for us all.
Around your table, O God, let us join hands with heaven and earth
to celebrate your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-present God,
When you invite us to your table,
 you ask us to come with clean hands and clean hearts.
You ask us to come in peace,
 seeking reconciliation with you and with each other.
We confess that the church has not always sought reconciliation
 within or beyond its walls.
In this silence, we hand over to you the broken relationships,
 disagreements and disappointments that keep us from
 living in your peace.
Free us from the burdens we carry,
 so that we may be a source of peace in this troubled world
 in the name of Christ, who is our peace. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Phil. 3:9; Eph. 2:17

One: While pouring water into the Baptismal font:

*One: "God accepted us simply because of our faith in Christ,"
 through whom our sins were forgiven. May He help us to continue to
 "preach peace to those who are near and far." Amen.*

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*One: By your Word, O God, open our minds to greater understanding; open our
 hearts to deeper love; and strengthen our determination to live the gospel
 we meet through Jesus Christ, your Living Word.*

All: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Prophets **Isaiah 5:1-7**
 Epistle **Philippians 3:4b-14**
 Gospel **Matthew 21:33-46**

PRAYER

One: May this reading of the Word of the Lord remind us that regardless of whatever vineyard we were once part of, we are all called to work in the vast vineyard of our Lord together. Let us produce the good harvest!

All: As Jesus loves us, may we love others with words and deeds!

SERMON “Good Wine” by Reverend Jen Warren Hauser

***RESPONSE HYMN** “This is My Song” Presbyterian Peacemaking *GtG #340*
Music via video

**1. This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**

**2. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunset beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.**

**3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
And hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:
Myself I give thee; let thy will be done.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*One: From every place on this planet, we turn our face to you, O God.
Gather us, all your people, together, to pray.*

*In the midst of the forces which would separate us, bind us in
your love as the Church, together.
Strengthen us through the grace of your people gathered,
no matter how we gather, with the truth of your presence.*

*In a world aching to be made new, we cry out with those who suffer
the pains of what powers and principalities extract from the world's
poorest.
We cry out with those suffering from illness and disease, at whom
the world turns a callous glance.
We cry out with those stinging from the sins of white supremacy.
We cry out with those seeking justice, equality, and peace —
peace, at all times, in all ways.*

*In a world stretching toward wholeness, we celebrate with those
whose lives bear the fruit of your Spirit and seek to share in your call
to partnership.
We celebrate with those whose efforts are making the world new.
We celebrate with all who gather to earnestly seek your transforming
work in the world.*

*Make us a world that grows into the shape of your communion table,
where all are welcomed and all are fed.
Make us a people who grow your family by practices of mutuality,
generosity and justice.*

(continue...)

*One: And may we be found to be witnesses, when Jesus returns,
to the truth of who we were created to be —*

**All: people who belong to each other,
people who belong to you, O God,
in your Son, Jesus. Amen.**

*One: With those who celebrate our unity in the Lord Jesus Christ around the
world, praying in every tongue and nation, we say:*

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(Traditional)*

**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 LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

*One: Siblings in Christ, the table that is set, is set for all;
around it there are no divisions.
As bread is not made from one grain, but from many,
and as wine is not made from one grape, but from grapes,
so too, though we are many, are made one in Christ.
Let us affirm our faith together, joining with Christians
all over the world today by saying together the
Church’s oldest affirmation of faith, the Nicene Creed.*

*** STATEMENT OF FAITH *(THE NICENE CREED)***

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven.
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

One: May the Lord of steadfast love be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: People of God, lift up your hearts.

All: We lift our hearts to the One who fills them with grace.

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

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

One: It is our greatest calling and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, creator and sustainer of heaven and earth.

You spoke, and at your word all things took shape and came into being: the sun and moon and stars, the sky and earth and waters, and all they contain. At your instruction, your Spirit swept over creation, bringing order out of chaos and life out of the formless void.

From the elements of the earth you created us as unique and distinct people but all in your holy image. You breathed life into us and called us to love and serve you and to live with you and one another in covenant and community.

But we turn away from you and we have tried to live apart from you and one another; but, you never turn from us. Through the prophets you call us back to you and to your ways. In the fullness of time, you sent your son, the Way, Truth, and Life, who was born of a mother's flesh to reveal the full extent of your grace and love. Again and again you welcome us and receive us with the open and welcoming arms of a loving father. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with those from every time and place, to proclaim with them your glory, in the unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

One: Holy is your son Jesus. Walking this earth, feeding the hungry, calling the lost, seeing the forgotten, touching those in need of healing, teaching those who sought out wisdom, and loving all, he showed your kingdom in your world. In breaking bread and sharing wine with your people here and in all places we recall the mystery of our faith:

(continue...)

All: Christ was promised. Christ was born. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

One: Pour out your Spirit upon us and upon these offerings of bread and The fruit of the vine. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into Your kingdom where peace and justice are realized, so that with all your people we share the banquet you have promised and provided.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

One: Jesus, in the night in which he was betrayed took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you: this do in remembrance of me.'

In the same way he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the covenant in my blood: as often as you drink of it, do this in remembrance of me.'

We break this bread, the communion in Christ's body broken once-for-all. We drink this cup, communion in Christ's blood shed once-for-all. For every time we break this bread and share one cup, we proclaim the Lord's coming, life, death, and resurrection until he comes again.

One: Friends, Brothers, Sisters, Siblings, these are the gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please partake as soon as received.

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION "One Bread, One Body"

GtG #530

Refrain:

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.**

**And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

**1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. [**

Refrain

**2 Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.**

Refrain

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

**3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.**

Refrain

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have nourished us, body and soul,
in this meal.**

**We have heard your love proclaimed, now send us out
to speak it to others.**

**We have seen your love poured out, now send us out to show
it in everything we do.**

**We have been fed by your love at your table, now send us out
to share it so the world may believe.**

And let all things be done for your glory. Amen.

OFFERING

Invitation

One: World Communion Sunday reminds us that we are part of a global family committed to serve our neighbors in Jesus' name. The gifts we offer join the gifts of many others to bring the love and compassion of Christ into places of deep need. This is the day that we receive the churchwide Special World Communion Offering. Let us bless others as we have been blessed in Christ.

Reflection

**Prayer of Dedication*

All: Blessed are you, Generous God; you have called each of us your beloved child. Bless our commitments to you this day, whether time, talent, or concern, for the world that you love so dearly. May we work with you to bring many children to glory. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN “Lift Up the Gates Eternal”**

GtG #364

Refrain:

**Lift up the gates eternal;
lift up your voices;
the King of glory comes;
the nation rejoices.**

- 1. See, all the earth is God’s,
its people and nations;
God built it on the deeps
and laid its foundations.**

Refrain

- 2. Who can go up this mountain,
who stand in praising?
Those who are pure, who come
with clean hands upraising.**

Refrain

- 3. Come, lift your voices high;
be lifted to glory;
The Lord our God approaches;
come, shout the story.**

Refrain

- 4. Who is this glorious one,
for whom we are waiting?
We wait the mighty Lord,
our God celebrating.**

Refrain

- 5. Come, lift your heads with joy;
come, lift up your tower;
The king of glory comes
in full might and power.**

Refrain

**Lift up the gates eternal;
lift up your voices;
the King of glory comes;
the nation rejoices.**

- 6. Who is this King of glory
of whom we're singing?
Our God, the Lord of Hosts,
the victory is bringing.**

Refrain

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***CHARGE**

*Christ does not invite us only to sit at table with him.
Christ does not invite us only to eat and drink with him.
Christ does not invite us only to come to him.
Rather, Christ invites us to do all this and go out into the world
to act with grace,
to work for justice,
to speak good news,
and to love our sisters and brothers.*

***BENEDICTION**

*Christ, you have nourished us in this meal and fed our bodies and souls.
We have heard your love, now send us out to speak it.
We have seen your love, now send us out to show it.
We have been fed by your love; now send us out to share it.
And let all things be done for your glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.*

***POSTLUDE**