



Worldwide Communion Sunday

October 4, 2026 at 9:30am (EDT, UTC-04)

Leading us in worship today:

Noah Cherry, Associate Music Director
Kim Faloppa, Deacon
Gina Grembowski, Elder; Richard Murray, Assisting Elder
Patrick Rode, Liturgist
Randall Engle, Minister
Mary Baker, Organist
Carol Kenney, Pianist
Ryan Catey, Soloist
Willie Yuhas, Technician

Gathering Music concluded with *In Christ There is No East or West* arr. Callahan, Childs

Our Call to Worship:

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord
All: The One who made heaven and earth.
One: This is the day the Lord has made;
All: we will rejoice and be glad in it.
One: O Lord, open our lips,
All: And our mouths shall declare Your praise.
Soloist: Rejoice the Lord is king! Your Lord and king adore
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice I say again, rejoice
My soul come do your part, triumph in God above
And with a well-tuned heart sing the song of love
Let all your days till life shall end
Let all your days what e'er God sends be filled with praise
Oh what has now been sown Your blessing now bestow
The power is Yours alone to make it sprout and grow
O Lord, in grace the harvest raise
And Yours alone shall be the praise

***Our Opening Hymn:** *In Christ There is No East or West* Hymnal 268

Note: Please sing stanza 1 in the language of your choice

***God's Greeting**

***Mutual Greetings**

A common greeting, used by Christians for millennia, is "The Lord be with you,"
or "The peace of Christ be with you." The response: "And also with you."

***A Song of Praise:** *I Come With Joy* Hymnal 533

Our Morning Offerings are Received

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture Lesson: Acts 14:8–20 *The Bible*, page 1717

One: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon: *Not gods. Thank God*

God Feeds Us

The Thanksgiving:

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right for us to give thanks.

**It is our joy and our peace at all times
and in all places to give thanks to You,
Holy Father, Almighty,
Everlasting God,
through Christ our Lord.**

Minister: We bless You for Your continual love

Therefore with the whole company of saints in heaven and on earth we
worship and glorify You, God most holy, and we sing with joy:

People (singing Hymnal 538:4):

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity**

The Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The prayer is concluded with everyone praying 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 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.**

Preparation of the Elements:

Minister: The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.
People: We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.
Minister: The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.
People: The cup which we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.
Minister: Congregation in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared His table for all who love Him and trust in Him alone for their salvation. All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to Him, are now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord.
People: Holy Father, in thanks for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, in the joy of His resurrection, in the hope of His coming again, we present ourselves a living sacrifice and come to the table of our Lord.
Minister (as the elements are indicated):
The gifts of God for the people of God!

The Communion:

You may come forward to receive the elements from the Pastor and Elder; the assisting Elder will usher you forward when it is time. If you do not wish to receive the elements, cross your arms as a signal.

During our communion, the soloist will first offer *How Beautiful* by Twila Paris:

*How beautiful the hand that serve the wine and the bread and the children of earth
How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross
How beautiful is the body of Christ*

*How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead
How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise
How beautiful is the body of Christ*

*And as He laid down His life, we offer this sacrifice:
that we will live just as He died, willing to pay the price*

*How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King
How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the children of earth
How beautiful is the body of Christ*

Then the pianist will lead our devotion. When it's time to conclude, we'll all sing stanza 1 of *Jesus Loves Me* (Hymnal 709).

The Prayer after Communion (prayed together):

Almighty God,
we thank You for feeding us
with the body and blood of Your Son Jesus Christ.
Through Him we offer You our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of Your Holy Spirit
to live and work
to Your praise and glory.
Amen.

***God's Blessing**

***Our Closing Hymn:** *Cast Down, O God, the Idols* Hymnal 626

***The Organ Postlude:** *We've a Story to Tell* arr. Robert Powell

Blessed to be a Blessing!

You have been fed and blessed by God!
You are now invited to take flowers from the Welcome Center to bless someone else.

Join us in the church Fellowship Hall for refreshments and fellowship.



In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no pride of birth,
 2 For God in Christ has made us one from ev-ery land and race;
 3 It is by grace we are as-sured that we be-long to him;
 4 So, bro - thers, sis - ters, praise his name who died to set us free
 5 In Christ there is no east or west; he breaks all bar - riers down;

the cho - sen fam - ily God has blessed now spans the whole wide earth.
 he re - con-ciled us through his Son and met us with his grace.
 >the love we share in Christ our Lord, the Spir - it works with - in.
 from sin, di - vi - sion, hate, and shame, from spite and en - mi - ty.
 by Christ re-deemed, by Christ pos-sessed, in Christ we live as one.

German

- 1 In Christus ist nicht Ost noch West,
 nicht Süden oder Nord,
 nur eine groß' Geschwisterschaft
 die ganze Erde fort.

French

- 1 Gens de tous pays, du sud au nord,
 vous êtes invités:
 De l'ouest à l'est, du sud au nord,
 accourez du monde entier.

Dutch

- 1 In Christus is noch west noch oost,
 in Hem noch zuid noch noord,
 één broederschap rust in zijn troost,
 één wereld in zijn woord.

Spanish

- 1 Orient ni occidente hay,
 en Cristo y su bondad,
 incluida en su amor está
 la entera humanidad.

Korean

- 1 예수 안에는 동과 서 없네
 주 안에 귀천 없네
 주가 축복하신 백성들
 온 세계에 퍼지네

Arabic

- 1 في المسيح لا شرق ولا غرب،
 فيه لا نفتخر بجنسنا
 العائلة المختارة التي بار
 كها الله الآن تملأ كل الرض

Alternate tune: ST. PETER see 266

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 Music (MCKEE 8.6.8.6): African American spiritual, adapt. and harm. Harry T. Burleigh, 1939, P.D.

I Come with Joy

F B $\flat$ /F F

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 The Spir - it of the ri - sen Christ, un -

Dm C F Am Dm

giv - en, loved, and free, the life of Je - sus
 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 proud di - vi - sion ends. The love that made us,
 seen, but ev - er near, is in such friend - ship

B $\flat$ F C7 Fsus F

to re - call, in love laid down for me.
 ty of love in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 makes us one, and strang - ers now are friends.
 bet - ter known, a - live a - mong us here.

5 A cloud of loving witnesses
 surrounds us while we sing
 as all the saints, forgiven, loved,
 immortal praises bring.

6 Together met, together bound
 by all that God has done,
 we'll go with joy, to give the world
 the love that makes us one.

Words: Brian Wren, 1970, © 1971, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company

Music (LAND OF REST 8.6.8.6): American folk melody; harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983), 1938, P.D.

538 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Descant

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 D Bm A D G D

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! ly!
 A D Bm A E7 A

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! ly!
 D Bm A D G D

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y,

Words: Reginald Heber, 1827, alt., P.D.

Music (NICAEA 11.12.10): John B. Dykes, 1861; desc. David McK. Williams (1887-1978), P.D.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Bm D G D7 G A7 D

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

The musical score is written for three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major (one sharp) with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features a melody with a long note on 'God' and a phrase 'Trin - i - ty!' with a long note on 'Trin'. The middle staff is a guitar accompaniment in G major, showing chords Bm, D, G, D7, G, and A7. The bottom staff is a bass line in G major, providing a harmonic foundation with notes corresponding to the chords above. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words aligned under specific notes or chords.

Jesus Loves Me

C G C F C

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
 2 Je - sus loves me— he who died heav - en's gate to o - pen wide.
 3 Je - sus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long a - go,

G C F C C/G G7 C

Lit - tle ones to him be - long; they are weak, but he is strong.
 He will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
 tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

Refrain F C G

Refrain
 Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

C F C/G G7 C

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Words: st. 1-2 Anna B. Warner, 1859, st. 3 David R. McGuire, 1971, P.D.

Music (JESUS LOVES ME 7.7.7.7 refrain 5.5.5.6): William B. Bradbury, 1861, P.D.

Cast Down, O God, the Idols

F7 C7 Dm B^b F C

1 Cast down, O God, the i - dols that hold us in their power,
 2 In vain we search for mean - ing where tran - sient joys a - bound,
 3 O God, we have our be - ing in you and you a - lone.

F/A C7/G F B^b6 F/C C C7 F

the emp - ty gods we wor - ship when dark - ness has its hour.
 and seek the soul's con - tent - ment where peace can - not be found.
 Re - call us from our wan - derings; re - claim us as your own.

B^b B^bm F B^b B^bm F

We bow to oth - er mas - ters and by their prom - ise live.
 We wan - der, lost and home - less, in end - less, aim - less quest,
 Re - store in us the im - age re - vealed in Christ, your Word,

F/A B^b F/A C7/G F C7 F

Re - deem our way - ward pas - sions; our re - bel wills for - give.
 our hearts for - ev - er rest - less, un - til in you they rest.
 till heart and will pay hom - age to him, our God and Lord.