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Welcome To Worship

October 4, 2026
10:00 a.m.

Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.

"Many Paths, One Table" Rev. Trish Eckert

*Please stand as you are able

Candle-lighting and Chimes

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements
Our next **Divine Intervention Laundry Sunday is October 11th**. Let Pastor Trish know if you're interested in volunteering for a future Sunday afternoon or if you would like to donate toward laundry supplies and/or provide quarters.

Monday, October 12th is the next **Joint Session** meeting for both Grace and Tippe Session members, meeting at Grace at 4:30 pm.

Sunday worship schedule for this fall, to accommodate special services and Pastor Trish's travel schedule.
Please add these remaining dates to your calendar:

- **October 18** – Tippe worship at Grace at 10 am. Pastor Ted will preach.
- **November 15** – Tippe worship at Grace at 10 am. Pastor Ted will preach.

Readying Ourselves for Worship
Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!
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Centering Words
Today is World Communion Sunday! Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it was not until 1940, when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world, that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, transcending boundaries of denomination, geography, and language.
Text partially adapted from resources available at www.pcusa.org/worship

We invite you, during the offertory today, to contribute to the World Communion Offering. As part of this Offering, a grant program is being created that allows any council of the PC(USA) — session, presbytery or synod regardless of participation in the World Communion Offering — to apply for funds to support their own efforts to do ministry around these cause areas: racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, ecumenical and interfaith relations.
https://pcusa.org/special-offerings/special-offerings-changes-2026

Table Blessing Prayer © Jan L. Richardson from *In Wisdom's Path: Discovering the Sacred in Every Season*

To your table
you bid us come.
You have set the places,
you have poured the wine,
and there is always room,
you say,
for one more.

And so we come.
From the streets
and from the alleys
we come.

From the deserts
and from the hills
we come.

From the ravages of poverty
and from the palaces of privilege
we come.

Running,
limping,
carried,
we come.

We are bloodied with our wars,
we are wearied with our wounds,
we carry our dead within us,
and we reckon with their ghosts.

We hold the seeds of healing,
we dream of a new creation,
we know the things
that make for peace,
and we struggle to give them wings.

And yet, to your table
we come.
Hungering for your bread,
we come;
thirsting for your wine,
we come;
singing your song
in every language,
speaking your name
in every tongue,
in conflict and in communion,
in discord and in desire,
we come,
O God of Wisdom,
we come

***Call to Worship**
What does the Holy One require of us?
To do justice, to love kindness
and to walk humbly with God.
Let us worship God.

Gathering Hymn 753 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace *(Prayer of St. Francis)*

Gathering Prayer
Mighty and merciful God,
lover of justice and equity,
you call us to support the weak,
to help those who suffer,
and to honor all people.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
make us advocates for your justice

and instruments of your peace,
so that all may be reconciled
in your beloved community;
through Jesus Christ Our Savior. **Amen.**

Confession and Pardon
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess where we have missed the mark.
Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace:

You have called us to one table,
but we have pursued our own course.
You have promised us the abundance of all creation,
but in our greed and envy, the world goes without.
You have promised us the bread of life itself,
but in our pride and arrogance, the world goes hungry.
You have promised us the waters of peace and justice,
but in our violence and discord, the world goes thirsty.
And now we are famished, too, gracious God.
Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again.
Transform us, at this table, and for this table,
and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness,
by the power of your Son, our Sovereign. Amen.

(Silent Reflection)

Words of Assurance
Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows.
Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows.
And even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows.
Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all things, and by the abundance of God's grace, and by the power of God's love, your sins have been forgiven. Be at peace. Amen.

Sung Response #591 *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le – lu – jah!
Hal-le, hal-le, hal–le – lu – jah!
Hal-le, hal-le, hal–le – lu – jah!
Hal – le - lu – jah!
Hal – le - lu – jah!

***Passing of the Peace**
One: May the peace that surpasses all understanding be with you
All: And also with you
One: Thanks be to God

Time for Young Hearts *Brother Sun, Sister Moon* ~ prayer of St. Francis of Assisi reimagined by Katherine Paterson

Prayer for Illumination
Faithful God,
how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.
Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit
so that we may glorify you
in the company of the faithful;
through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Scripture
Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20
Then God spoke all these words,
"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.
"You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth.

"You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for God will not acquit anyone who misuses God's name. "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

"Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that your Sovereign God is giving you.
"You shall not murder.
"You shall not commit adultery.
"You shall not steal.
"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen, but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of God upon you so that you do not sin."

Psalm 19
The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.
Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

yet their voice goes out through all the earth
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
Its rising is from the end of the heavens
and its circuit to the end of them,
and nothing is hid from its heat.

The law of God is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of God are sure,
making wise the simple;
the precepts of God are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of God is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
the fear of God is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of God are true
and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
But who can detect one's own errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.
Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless
and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

<u>One:</u> Having heard God's Word proclaimed from the scriptures, we are reminded that we do not stand alone. Across every ocean, language, culture, and tradition, the family of God gathers today around one common table.

<u>All:</u> Thanks be to our God.

Sermon "*Many Paths, One Table*" Rev. Trish Eckert

Hymn 690 *God's Glory Fills the Heavens

Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (PCUSA)
In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children, healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession
Holy One, we come before you in prayer
hungering for justice,
thirsting for righteousness,
longing for peace.
We pray with a great multitude from every nation,
from all tribes and peoples and languages.
We pray with saints of every time and place,
and lift up our prayers to you….

"God, in your mercy," **"Hear our prayer."**

Pastoral Prayer

Eucharist

Offering
The World Communion Offering of the PC(USA)
supports racial and gender justice,
peacemaking efforts, global witness,
and nurturing ecumenical and interfaith relations.

With great thanksgiving and praise
for the work of God throughout the world,
let us offer our lives to the Lord.

***Doxology 607 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**
Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow.
Praise Christ all peo-ple here be-low.
Praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev-er-more.
Praise Tri-une God, whom we a-dore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**
Merciful and gracious God,
you abound in steadfast love and faithfulness.
With gratitude, we bring our gifts to you.
Bless these gifts and bless our lives
that together we may share your mercy and grace
for the world you dearly love. Amen.

The Invitation to the Lord's Table
On the Lord's Day, Christians from around the world gather at the table, one family sharing one meal. On this day, we focus our attention on that global gathering that happens every time we share the cup and the loaf. Christ invites us: "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink." (John 7:37–38)

Great Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them 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, creator and sustainer of life.

You planted the first fields —
wheat, barley, rice, and maize —
and made us in your image
to care for your creation.

You fed your people in the wilderness
with manna from heaven,
leading them to a land of milk and honey.

When human greed trampled the poor
you spoke through the prophets,
calling us to worship you with justice and peace.

Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent Jesus Christ, the living bread,
to lift up the oppressed and lowly
and fill the hungry with good things.

Therefore we praise you, joining the faithful
who hunger and thirst for righteousness
and saying the hymn of the whole creation:

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.

We praise you, most holy God,
for Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh.

He taught us to share the abundance of your love,
feeding the multitude,
eating with sinners and strangers,
offering his own body to save us,
and pouring out his life for the world.

When the risen Christ appeared to his disciples,
he made himself known to them in the breaking of the bread.
Even now he sets the table for us,
inviting all to taste and see that you are good.

Remembering all that you have done in Jesus Christ,
we offer our lives to you with great thanksgiving
as we share this feast of love and grace.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
and one with all who share this meal,
a great multitude from every nation.

Keep us faithful to Christ's teaching and fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers,
sharing our goods with one another,
and giving our possessions to those who are in need,
so that all people may have their daily bread,
this day and every day.

Just as the grain, once scattered across the hills,
was gathered together in this loaf of bread,
gather your people from the ends of the earth,
so that we may feast with you in glory
in the joy of your new creation.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer
Our Creator 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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion
Blessed are you, O God,
creator and ruler of the universe,
for you have satisfied our souls
with this feast of your grace.
Keep us faithful in your service
until your realm of glory comes;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sending

Hymn 80 *You Shall Go Out with Joy

***Benediction**
The blessing of the holy, triune God,
who was and is and is to come —
first and last,
beginning and end,
Alpha and Omega —
be with you now and always. Alleluia!

Now that the worship has ended, may the service truly begin.

Benediction Response *Seven-Fold Alleluia

Postlude

World Communion Liturgy excerpted from PCUSA World Communion 26 Worship Resources, which curated content from:
● *The Book of Common Worship* (WJK, 2018) Service for Justice and Peace (p. 599ff)
● *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching, and the Arts* (calltoworshipjournal.org), texts for the 19th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 22), Oct. 4, 2026.
● *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal* (WJK, 2013), Service for the Lord's Day (p. 1ff)