

The Gathering

Fanfare
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude

*Call to Worship
One: We are invited to share in Christ’s ministry of compassion.
All: We will widen our hearts so we might cradle the lost.
One: We are challenged to learn more about God each day.
All: We will open our minds so we might discern God’s dreams for us.
One: We are summoned to let the Spirit be planted within us.
All: We will deepen our souls so we might grow in love.

*Opening Hymn “Morning Has Broken” Hymn #664

Call to Confession
*Prayer of Confession
As you know, God our healer, we stand on the edge of your promises and hopes, yet cannot seem to let ourselves cross over into the life you intend for us. We seek praise from our families, yet are unable to tell them how much we love them; we care more about our needs and desires, than for the struggles of the neighbors; we think more about the trash we read and see than focusing on the Spirit of wisdom. Forgive us, Everlasting God. Renew our lives with your grace; restore our hopes with your vision of tomorrow; refresh our spirits with your joy which comes to us new in each moment in the gift of your Child, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

*Assurance of Pardon
...What joyous good news!
Our hope is not in vain. God forgives our sins, and is the dwelling place for all people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Hymn of Response “I Need Thee Every Hour” Hymn #735, v. 1
“I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like thine can peace afford. I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee! O Bless me now, my Savior—I come to thee!”

*Greeting in Christ’s Name

The Word

Time with Our Children
Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Psalm 137 Pew Bible, pg. 576
Scripture Genesis 22:1-14 Pew Bible, pg. 17

Sermon “Cruelty Never Wins” Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson

Response to Grace

Hymn “Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm” Hymn #731

*Affirmation of Faith, from A Declaration of Faith
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Call for the Offering
Offertory
*Doxology Hymn #582

**“Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.”**

*Doxology

Hymn #582

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the people and 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.

The Sending

*Closing Hymn

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Hymn #724

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

“Great Are You, Lord”

Hymn #614

**“Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just; by your power we trust in your love.
Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true; by your mercy you prove you are love.
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice: great are you, Lord!
Great are you, Lord!”**

Postlude

(Please remain seated and reflect upon the service)

WORSHIP NOTES

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

Liturgist: Dave Agard

Acolyte: Young Family

All hymns from Glory to God unless noted

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Service of Worship

October 25th, 2026

22nd Sunday after Pentecost



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