



ARVADA
United Methodist Church

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**Sunday, October 4, 2026; 8:15 and 10:00 am
World Communion and Family Worship**

Gathering Music

Prelude

Amen Siakudumisa

Chancel Choir, Jordan Ortman, and Brian Jaffe

(S. C. Molefe, arr. Cameron F. La Barr) One License # CGA1285

Translation: *Amen, we praise your name, O God.*

Greeting

Rev. Matt Franks

***Opening Hymn #2268 - As We Gather at Your Table**

(Carl P. Daw, Jr., Skinner Chavez-Melo)

1 As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.

2 Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold our image in the world you died to save.

3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

Congregational Greeting

Children's Time (10:00)

Emily Butler

Offering / Offertory Prayer

Rev. Lauren Boyd

Offertory Music *Nearer My God to Thee*

(Lowell Mason, Sarah F. Adams, James L. Stevens)

Chancel Choir, Noah Meaux (soloist), Brian Jaffe (drums)

Scripture Matthew 26:26-28 Common English Bible

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take and eat. This is my body." He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many so that their sins may be forgiven.

Response After Reading

Pastor: The Scripture of faith for the people of faith.

ALL: Thanks be to God

Sermon "The Open Table"

Call to Communion

Liturgists: 8:15 – Peg Emery; 10:00 – Ginny Dunkelberger

Leader: From every corner of the earth, Christ calls us to the table. Many: We come from many peoples, many places, many traditions. Leader: We come with the songs of our ancestors and the prayers of those who came before us.

Many: We come carrying stories of faith, struggle, hope, and joy.

Leader: From the villages of Africa and the islands of the Pacific, from the mountains of Asia and the cities of the Americas, from the churches of Europe and the Middle East—

Many: We come as one people, gathered in Christ.

Leader: Some come to this table with abundance. Some come longing for daily bread.

Many: Christ welcomes us all.

Leader: Some come singing. Some come grieving. Some come with questions. Some come with gratitude.

Many: Christ welcomes us all.

Leader: Today, the walls that divide us do not have the final word.

Language does not divide us. Geography does not divide **us. Culture does not divide us.**

Many: At Christ's table, there is room for all.

Leader: Come, people of God. Come with open hands and open hearts.

All: We come to receive. We come to remember. We come to share. We come to be made one.

Service of Holy Communion (with The Lord's Prayer)

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Table of Joy

(Joseph M. Martin)

Chancel Choir, Brian Jaffe, Jordan Ortman

Prayer After Receiving

***Closing Hymn**

Christ Be With Us

(Carolyn Gillette, Thomas Williams)

We will sing this to the tune EBENEZER - #108

Christ be with us, Christ behind us, Christ before us — all around!

Christ in busy, noisy cities, Christ where hardly rings a sound.

Christ, in bread and wine, be with us, giving strength for each new day.

In this world of daily crosses, be our joyful, living Way.

Christ in lines of people fleeing, praying that a war will cease;

Christ in battered women's shelters, looking for a place of peace.

Christ with people sick or dying, loved ones trying hard to cope

In this world of so much suffering, Christ, you give your people hope.

Christ with children who must struggle, working hard for daily food;

Christ in classrooms, learning, growing, asking questions, seeking good;

Christ in diners, waiting tables; Christ in homes where children play

In this world of people working, Christ, you work through us today.

Christ with all who keep on struggling, helping others to be free;

Christ with churches working, searching for a greater unity;

Christ, in bread and wine, be with us, giving strength for each new day

In this world of daily crosses, be our joyful, living Way.

***Benediction**

Sending Forth Music *Nearer My God, To Thee* Jordan Ortman
(Dan Forrest)

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