

October 4, 2026

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Flowers by Samantha Ebert

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: All nations and all people, gather at the Lord's table!

People: We come to be fed with the bread of life.

Leader: The Lord's table is wide enough for all to have a spot.

People: We want a crowded table, where all can gather and feast.

Leader: Our God is the perfect host, inviting us all to partake.

People: We worship Jesus Christ, who is full of grace and love.

*OPENING PRAYER

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*HYMN #346 For the Healing of the Nations

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we are a people who are comfortable where we are and who we are with. We form cliques with those we are comfortable with, and then forget to invite others in. But you are a God who has invited us into your family. You always make the circle wider; you always pull another chair up to the table. May we become people who emulate your radical welcome and hospitality. Amen.

Leader: Let us continue our confession together in silence.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God hears all our questions and all our concerns. God sees all our failures and all our mistakes. Yet God defines us by none of these things. God always welcomes us in; God always forgives; God always loves. Friends, hear the Good News: You are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

First Reading

1 Kings 8:41–43

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM Think of Me and Remember

ERPC Choir

Second Reading

Matthew 8:5-13

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON Who is Jesus? The Expander

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

*HYMN #795 Healer of Our Every Ill

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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OFFERING

To give online: Click: [Giving](#)

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND SENDING

POSTLUDE Word of God Speak

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Wild Flowers Lunch Oct. 13. Southside Benders, Avon
Sign up in the narthex; Contacts: Barbara 512-695-8374;
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Meets 2nd Tuesday each month!



The Christmas Wreath Fundraiser runs through
November 1. Order forms are in the Narthex.
Contact: sharmco@gmail.com; 970-376-3540

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

Anyone interested in reading during our 9:30 am Sunday Service?
Great opportunity to volunteer, and enhance your worship
experience.
Contact Shirley 850-499-0659; shirley.petersmeyer@gmail.com

Trunk or Treat - Sun. Oct. 25, 10:30-12:00
Church parking lot. Sign up in the narthex.
Contact: Emma Kate Lander 410-858-7311

