



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

BREATHING PRAYER (based on Psalm 80:7)

*In For A Count Of 4: **Restore Us, O God....***

*Out For A Count Of 4: ... **Let Your Face Shine.***

REFLECT ON QUOTE

"God is the owner of everything. What we have has been given to us by God. The resources we possess are assets to be invested in the kingdom."

~ Chris Willard & Jim Sheppard

READ SCRIPTURES

Matthew 21:33-46

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 4, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost / World Communion Sunday

PRELUDE

Seek Ye First
Jerry Bursch, Piano

by Karen Lafferty

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

Rev. Matt McPhee

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Amanda Burr

The earth and all that is in it belong to God.

We gather as stewards of gifts we did not create.

The table before us belongs to Christ alone.

Yet all are invited to share in its grace.

From every nation, language, and people,

the Spirit gathers us into one body in Christ.

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*HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

UMH 545

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Song # 55377

1. The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

3. Though with a scornful wonder
we see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4. Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till, with the vision glorious,
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Pastor Amanda Burr

God of the vineyard, we long to be faithful stewards of all you have entrusted to our care. When we cling to what was never truly ours and mistake the gifts we tend for possessions we have earned, transform our entitlement into gratitude. Turn our hearts toward the fruit you call us to bear, and teach us to hold your gifts with humility and open hands. Amen.

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SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN

My Hope Is Built

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Song # 25417

1. My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. **(Refrain)**

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood
supports me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. **(Refrain)**

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne! **(Refrain)**

SCRIPTURE READINGS *Matthew 21:33-46*

Pastor Amanda Burr

Matthew 21:33-46 (NRSVue)

“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

*HYMN

Open Our Eyes, Lord

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Song # 1572

Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him,
and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord,
and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus.

RESPONDING IN FAITH

We live out our membership vows by offering our prayers, our presence, our service, our gifts, and our witness. In this way, we glorify God with our whole lives.

BELL OFFERING

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale
Bell Choir - Jerry Bursch, Director

arr. Mark Hayes

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*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Amanda Burr

Faithful Shepherd, as we lay these gifts before you, free us from clinging to what we think gives us worth. Turn our eyes toward the future you are unfolding. Let our giving press us deeper into mercy, widen the circle of belonging, and shape us into people who embody your justice and grace. Keep us moving; keep us growing; keep us following. We press on toward your kingdom, trusting you to lead. Amen.

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*HYMN

One Bread, One Body

UMH 620

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Chorus: One bread, one body
One Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many
Throughout the earth
We are one body in this one Lord

1. Gentile or Jew
Servant or free
Woman or man, no more (Chorus)

2. Many the gifts
Many the works
One in the Lord of all (Chorus)

3. Grain for the fields
Scattered and grown
Gathered to One for all (Chorus)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him, who earnestly
repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us lift up our hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
**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.**

... As we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

... Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread
and the cup.

**Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be
for the world the body of Christ redeemed by His blood.**

... All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN OF PARTING

Shalom to You

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Song #1913569

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through all your loving
Christ be your shalom. Christ be your shalom.

POSTLUDE

O God Beyond All Praising
Jerry Bursch, Organ

arr. David Cherwien

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Serving in Worship Today

Greeter: Cathy Bocker
Ushers: Sharon Ellis & Linda Whitney
Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Amanda Burr
Music Director : Jerry Bursch
Pastor: Matthew M. McPhee

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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CALENDAR:

- October 4 –Sunday**—You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall. A special thanks to Rev. Dr. Amanda Burr for preparing our communion bread & table.
- October 4 – Sunday-Youth Group** (grades 6-12) - **5:00 PM** in the youth room. Dinner provided.
- October 5-9 –Mon—Fri-New Day Devotions 8:00 AM** via Zoom. (Link available in weekly e-news or by contacting the office)
- October 7 – Wednesday-Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM** at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio.
- October 7—Wednesday —Tai Chi 10:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall.
- October 11—Sunday -Chancel Choir Practice 8:20 AM** in the Sanctuary.
- October 11 – Sunday -Worship 10:00 AM** in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

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