

A Service of Song, Word, & Table
November 9, 2025

* Please rise in body or spirit.

WELCOME

PRELUDE Dr. Daniel Cummings

CALL TO WORSHIP

The God who is greater than we will ever understand,
is humbled to become one of us.

The God who is more loving than our hearts dare imagine,
gives us more grace than we ever realize.

The God who is wiser than we will ever know,
teaches us all we need to become God's children.

***HYMN** How Firm a Foundation UMH 529

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES **2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17**

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

(11:00) ANTHEM I Want Jesus to Walk With Me Raymond Haan
Chancel Choir (Brock Willard, conductor)

HOMILY

MUSICAL RESPONSE Be Still, My Soul UMH 534

Call to Reconciliation

We often think God is 'out there' somewhere, distant and uncaring. But God hears our hearts, God shares our struggles, God walks with us as we try to be faithful disciples. Let us come to the One who is as close as the very breath we take in this moment to confess the brokenness of our lives. Please join me as we pray,

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

So once again, Gracious God, have mercy on us. You know our hearts so well - touch them with your grace. You see our deepest fears - heal them with your peace. You hear our secret longings - speak to them of your hope. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Assurance of Pardon

With kindness and with justice, God makes us new people. We will sing our thanks through all eternity. Great is God and greatly to be praised! Amen.

REGATHERING HYMN Lead Me, Guide Me TFWS 2214

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY Speak, O Lord arr. Mary McDonald Good News

UMH 94

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sung responses by Bill Tune

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the One who heals our brokenness.

Let us offer our thanks to God, who has prepared this Table for us.

We will bless the One who offers us life in every moment.

We thank you for your greatness,

God of the living, and fall silent.

When there was only chaos,

you whispered your Word,

and creation sprang forth.

The sun and the stars

filled the heavens with your splendor,

and the earth sang your glory.

You filled us with your dreams

of life with you forever,

but we confused your hopes

with our desires and went chasing

after the seductions of sin and death.

You sent the prophets

to remind us of the stories

we had been told as your children,

but we thought them

to be myths and fables.

So once again, you sent your Word

to speak sense to our lives.

Therefore, in this time and place,

with those who have gone before,

and those who will come after,

we join in the song of all 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.

Holy are you, God of understanding,

and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son.

When we had been deafened

by the songs of the world,
 he came to speak of hope,
 and to offer us justice.
When we were easily confused
by the promises of sin,
 he came to make clear
 your dreams for us.
When we thought
we could save ourselves,
 he offered himself on the cross,
 that we might spend eternity
 in your presence.

As we come to the Table of grace,
as we are offered all your gifts,
we remember what Christ has done for us:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Send your Spirit upon the gifts
of the bread and the cup,
and upon your children
who gather in this place.
Place into our empty hands
your Bread made with life and mercy,
 that we might take
 justice and peace
 to the outcasts of our world.
Fill our parched hearts
with the Cup of grace,
 that we might be poured out
 for the broken and lost
 in these times and places.
Heal us with the peace
of this joyous feast,
 that we might become
 your people of hope.

Then, when this world passes away,
and time has come to an end,
we will gather around the Table
in your kingdom of grace,
singing our praises to you for all eternity,

God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN IN YOUR HEART LANGUAGE)

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. Amen.

R3 Amen, amen, amen.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION
Cummings

Dr. Daniel

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*** SENDING HYMN** O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee UMH 430

BENEDICTION

Now, go out into the world as God's people!

We will not be afraid to trust in God's future.

Now, go out as followers of Jesus!

We will not falter in bringing justice and hope to all.

Now, go out as those gifted by the Spirit!

We will not fear, but will journey into the days ahead.

POSTLUDE

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