



# Order of Worship

Sunday, October 4, 2026

“It wasn't a private meal. The bread on that Table had to be shared with everyone in order for me to really taste it.”

—Sara Miles, *Take This Bread*

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**Worship Notes:** Worshipers are asked to join in the sections marked in **bold**. The \*asterisk invites all who are able to stand. And, as always, please silence your cell phones.

## **Prelude**

*Sarah Beck, oboe*

*Laurel Sanders, piano*

## **II. Allegretto from Oboe Sonata in D Major (Op. 166)**

Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

## **Gathering Around the Word**

## **Concerns of the Church**

*Rev. Dr. Mike Morgan and Rev. Paula Mann*

## **Pulpit Pitch**

*Marsha Lysen*

## **Introit**

*WPC Chancel Choir*

*Laurel Sanders, organ*

## **Come, Everyone**

Laurel Sanders (b. 1984)

## **\*Call to Worship**

*Marin Miller, Director of Children & Family Ministries*

The world belongs to God,

**the earth and all its people.**

How good and how lovely it is to live together in unity.

**Let us worship God.**

## **\*Hymn 418**

## **Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling**

[SOFTLY AND TENDERLY]

## **\*Confessions of the Body of Christ**

*Jake Putich, Director of Faith Formation & Creation Care*

In the presence of a loving and merciful God, let us confess our sin together.

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not always loved you with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have gone our own way, put our own desires before the needs of others, and been quick to judge and slow to forgive. We have overlooked those who needed welcome, held tightly to what we thought was ours, and forgotten how much we have received from you. Forgive us, O God. Renew us by your grace, teach us to love one another, and lead us again in your way. Amen.**

**\*Silent Individual Confession**

**\*Declaration of Pardon**

**\*Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen.

**\*Bible Presentation**

*Children are dismissed to Sunday School.  
Youth remain in the Sanctuary.*

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

*Let us extend God's peace to one another with these ancient words:*

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

## **Proclaiming the Word**

**First Lesson**

**Isaiah 25:3-9; O.T., page 613**

*Kevin Cluss-Harmeyer*

**Anthem**

*Ginger Murphy, cello*

**The Journey Home**

Craig Courtney (b. 1954)

**Second Lesson**

**Luke 15:11-32; O.T., page 73**

**Meditation**

**Welcome Home**

## **Responding to the Word**

**Anthem**

**The Lord Is My Shepherd**

John Rutter (b. 1948)

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

## **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.

## **Words of Institution**

## **Receiving the Elements**

## **Prayer of Response**

## **\*Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven  
and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the  
Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the  
third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into  
heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick  
and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy  
catholic church; the communion of saints; the  
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the  
life everlasting. Amen.

## **Bearing the Word Into the World**

### **\*Hymn 771**

### **What is the World Like**

[NEW WORLD]

### **\*Benediction**

### **Response**

### **Gabriel's Oboe**

Ennio Morricone (1928-2020)

Arr. Craig Hella Johnson (b. 1962)

### **Postlude**

### **Allegro moderato**

Apollon Marie-Rose Barret (1804-1879)

**The congregation gratefully acknowledges the contributions of:**

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Chancel Flowers</b>   | The gift of Karen & Kit Jennings in loving memory of George C. Davis. |
| <b>Fellowship</b>        | Please join us in Hoffman Hall for Homecoming.                        |
| <b>Greeter</b>           | Katie Mahler                                                          |
| <b>Ushers</b>            | Stephan Ceci and Jonathan Stewart                                     |
| <b>Elder Host</b>        | Heather Leatherwood                                                   |
| <b>Deacon Host</b>       | Gabby Esunge                                                          |
| <b>Communion Servers</b> | Tracy Cluss-Harmeyer and Brooke Larson                                |
| <b>AV Team</b>           | Nick Pelayo and Dakota Hodge                                          |



**Coffee Fellowship**  
*Following worship, please join us for fellowship on the Side Porch for refreshments. We invite you to take a turn sponsoring the fellowship hour! You can select your sponsorship date on the Bulletin Board after worship or on our website at [westwoodpres.org](http://westwoodpres.org).*



**Parking**  
*Parking is available in the church lot as well as next door at the AVCO/iPic theater parking garage. Following worship, pick up a **FREE** validation card from an usher before returning to the parking structure.*