

Order of Worship

October 4, 2026 10:00 AM

Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ. .

Prelude

Yesu, Ananipenda

Cathy Moglebust

Chancel Ringers

Matthew Mitchener, Lisa Gibbs-Smith, CJ Redden-Liotta, percussion

Welcome

CJ Redden-Liotta

Greeting

Leader: Siblings of the household of God, who are you?

People: We are disciples, formed by Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Children of God, why do you gather?

People: To worship God who loves us and teaches us to love our neighbors, ourselves, and all creation.

Leader: Family of God, how do you worship God?

People: By loving boldly, serving joyfully, and leading courageously.

Leader: Beloved, receive this good news: in our loving, our serving, and our leading, we are not alone—
God is with us!

People: We come to worship God by loving boldly, serving joyfully, and leading courageously in our community and through our worldwide connections, that we may be disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world. Amen.

Hymn

Somlandela (Love Is Calling)

Prayer of Confession

Leader: With hope for mercy and trust in God's love,
let us admit the truth of our lives, first in silent prayer.

Silent prayer

There are times, God, when our greatest sin is not
what we do but what we fail to do.

People: For those times when we have not spoken up;
for those times when we have not acted;
for those times when we have not responded:
forgive us.
Give us courage to name what is wrong when we see it.
Give us confidence to do what is hard.
Give us grace to reach out when that is frightening and uncomfortable.
This we pray in Jesus' name.

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Scott Duncan Hopkins

Leader: New every morning is God's love for us,
and when love reigns, the world will change.
God's mercy frees us to be the love that the world needs
and so we are bold to proclaim the Good News:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, indeed! Thanks be to God!

Scripture

Ps. 96: 6-13 (CEB)

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Ukuthula

isiZulu Traditional

Chancel Choir

Children's Message

Scripture

Matthew 28:16-20 (CEB)

Sermon

Standing on Promises

Rev. Hopkins

Offering

CJ Redden-Liotta

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Morning Prayer

Kanisa Litajengwa

S.T. Kimbrough

Holy Communion

Rev. Hopkins

*In the United Methodist tradition, all who seek to lead a Christian life,
together with their children, are invited to receive communion.*

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 our thanks and praise.

The pastor continues with the Great Thanksgiving prayer, concluding with:

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

Amen.

And now with the confidence of children of God,

let us pray as our Lord taught us:

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.

Sending Forth

CJ Redden-Liotta

Hymn

Go, Make of All Disciples

Benediction

Rev. Hopkins

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

A. Carter

Steve McBride, organ

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