



### THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost | World Communion Sunday

October 5, 2025

10:50 a.m.

## ♦ We Gather in God's Name

Welcome Rev. Bill Pollack

**Prelude** Max Jackson

Malvern Air Andrew Young

## † Call to Worship

Ryan Whitman

L: In Your presence we have come this morning.

P: We are thankful for Your invitation to worship You.

Leader: In Your presence we join with others around the world.

P: We gather at Your table that welcomes all to Your grace.

L: In Your presence we celebrate Your gift to the world.

P: We give praise for Your Son, Jesus, and His sacrifice.

L: In Your presence we are made new.

P: We celebrate with the world Your offer of life.

# † **Hymn of Praise** (tune: Hymn to Joy)

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# Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!

Look who gathers at Christ's table! Hear the stories that they bring.

Some are weeping; some are laughing; some have songs they want to sing.

Others ask why they're invited,

burdened by the wrong they've done.

Christ insists they all are welcome. There is room for everyone.

Clouds of light surround the table; ancient followers appear.

Saints confessing how they wrestled with their guilt, their doubt and fear.

Peter tells of his denying Christ was ever in his sight;

Paul relates his fruitless effort to obliterate the light.

Their sad stories are repeated in a thousand different ways.

But they share one thing in common:

they all end in thanks and praise.

For the Host who has invited north and south and east and west to converge around this table, where all life is fed and blest.

Bring your joy and bring your sadness
and prepare to be surprised.
By the host whose hands are wounded,
who will open wide your eyes.
When He blesses bread and breaks it—
truth and manna from above;
and then passes wine that wakens in your heart the taste of love.

## † Call to Confession

# † Prayer of Confession

God above all and within all, You desire a harmony of heart and mind, of humanity and creation that flows as steadily as a mountain stream. Yet how often we block the flow. We prefer to notice differences, point out flaws, and look for contradictions. The inner connections with all creation, the shared breath of the universe, get lost in a sea of distinctions. We let divisive words pass without challenge. Healing God, weave us together. Break down the walls that divide us and let Your unity flow within us. In the name of Jesus forgive us for the times we have fallen short of Your desires for our oneness with you and others.

#### † Assurance of Pardon

† Response

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Glory Be to the Father
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. Amen.

♦ We Listen to God's Word

Children's Message

# Anthem Chancel Choir

# **Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation**

Dale Wood

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, the Head and Cornerstone; Chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the church in one; Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone. To this temple where we call Thee, come, O Lord of Hosts today; With Thy wonted loving kindness hear Thy servants as they pray, And Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.

And Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always. Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One. One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

# **Prayer for Illumination**

The Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 4:1–5 (NRSV)

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: <sup>4</sup> there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

L: The Word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 145** #42

Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure
Your faithfulness, O Lord, is sure
in all Your words, Your gracious deeds.
You gently lift all burdened souls and well provide all our needs.

The eyes of all are fixed on You; by You their wants are all supplied. Your open hand is bountiful, and every soul is satisfied.

Lord, You are just in all Your ways and kind in everything You do.
Forever near You stand to hear and help those who call on You.

My mouth shall speak Your paise, O Lord; my soul shall bless Your holy name.

Let all things living join the song of praise from age to age the same.

# † The Gospel Lesson: John 17:14–23 (NRSV)

I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup> I am not asking You to take them out of the world, but I ask You to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As You have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.<sup>20</sup> "I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one. As You, Father, are in Me and I am in You, may they also be in Us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that You have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as We are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and You in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that You have sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me.

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ! P: Thanks be to God!

#### Sermon

# Made One Because of One

#### **Communion Anthem**

Chancel Choir

Bread of the World In Mercy Broken
Louis Bourgois, arr. Carlton Young
Bread of the world, in mercy broken,
wine of the soul in mercy shed.
By whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose death our sins are dead.
Look on the heart by sorrow broken.
Look on the tears by sinners shed,
And be Thy feast to us the token
that by Thy grace our souls are fed.

# ♦ We Respond to God's Word

#### † Affirmation of Faith

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# **Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering Acknowledgement** Special Offering: Backpack Ministry

# † Doxology

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

# † Prayer of Dedication

† The Lord's Supper †

Invitation to the Lord's Table

**Great Thanksgiving** 

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise;

Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty. . . Great is the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. (2 x)

Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit . . . Through Christ, all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Breaking of the Bread** 

**Communion of the People** 

**Prayer After Communion** 

♦ We Are Sent in God's Name ♦

† Hymn of Sending

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An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

An upper room did our Lord prepare for those He loved until the end: and His disciples still gather there to celebrate their risen Friend.

A lasting gift Jesus gave His own: to share His bread, His loving cup. Whatever burdens may bow us down, He by His cross shall lift us up.

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And after supper He washed their feet, for service, too, is sacrament.

In Christ our joy shall be made complete: sent out to serve, as He was sent.

No end there is! We depart in peace. He loves beyond our uttermost: in every room in our Father's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

#### **Postlude**

# If You Will Only Let God Guide You J.S. Bach

## † Charge & Benediction

† Standing as you are able.

#### **SERVING TODAY**

Head Usher: Mitch Hall | Liturgist: Ryan Whitman

#### IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## →SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Sunday Morning Study, 9:28 a.m.

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Children's Sunday School (K-4th grade), 9:30 a.m.

Harmony of the Gospels, 9:30 a.m.

Youth Group  $(5^{th} - 12^{th} \text{ grade})$ , 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

# **World Communion Reception following Morning Worship**

# →TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Tai Chi, 5 p.m. | Zumba, 5 p.m.

# →WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans

Handbell Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

# →THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

Men's Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m.

Horizon's Bible Study, 5:15 p.m.

# →SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Zumba Class, 9:30 a.m. | Tai Chi, 11 a.m.



# Sunday, October 26 following morning worship (CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO WEAR THEIR COSTUMES)

Menu: taco/salad bar with desserts and drinks. Appreciate our staff by gifting "a bag of BLESSINGS" with handwritten notes, small treats and gift cards. The BROWN paper packages will be available every Sunday in October.

\*\*\*We are collecting candy for Table & Treat. \*\*\*

## **All Saints Sunday**

All Saints' Sunday is **Nov. 2**. Please join us as we pay homage to our dearly departed saints and loved ones. If you have a loved one who has passed into the kingdom **within this last year**,



please notify the Church office by **Sunday, October 26** for inclusion of his or her name in the bulletin.

# **Collecting Donations for Ashland Youth Service Center**

We are again receiving donations for the Ashland Youth Services Center Thanksgiving Baskets, <u>October 12—November 2</u>. This is a wonderful outreach to many in our area who are struggling to make ends meet. We had an overflowing of items last year. We helped feed dozens of families throughout the Ashland Schools in our area. Thank you for your giving spirit! <u>The items needed are listed on the table in the Narthex.</u>



# Safe Harbor Needs

During the month of October, we will be collecting diapers for Safe Harbor. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Jones.

#### PRAYER CONCERNS

## Week ending October 2, 2025

Christina Columber (Greg & Geri Willis)

# Week ending September 25, 2025

Grace Atwell (Trish Hall's sister)

Bryan & Anna Conley (Teresa Cassity's brother/sister-in-law)

Rebecca Ferguson (John & Kay Ferguson's daughter)

Dickie Martin (Ann Wiseman)

Jan Michel (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Mike Myers (Judy Sanders' nephew-in-law)

Skip Saunders (Greg & Geri Willis)

## Week ending September 18, 2025

Cullen Creel (online request)

Family of Shirley O'Neal (Nanette)

Family of Carolyn Runyon (Kelly Hanni)

Crystal Vines (online request)

Ongoing: Pastor Bill; Gretchen Dillon; Bill Gesling; Charlie Holbrook; Keith McClelland; Kenny McGill; Bob Miller; Derek Payne; Nancy Payne; Bonnie Pettijohn; Tim Shephard; Jan Winans; Ann Wiseman

Kingsbrook Care Center: Barry Barbour

The Lantern: Carolyn Graber

Military: Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, son of Kris Adkins); Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, granddaughter of Mike Whitman); Christian Brown (US Air Force, grandson of Mike Whitman); Greg Weston (Army National Guard); Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, piece of Don & Judy Lilly)

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# **CHILDREN'S CORNER**



Look up the verses below to find the missing person in each pair of friends. Write the circled letters on the blanks at the bottom.

David & King Agrippa & Naomi & Paul & Joshua & Peter & Job & Elijah & Zophar & Jonathon & Peter & Jesus & Jesus & Timothy & Jesus & Mary & Job & Agron &		2 Samuel 15:37 Acts 25:13 Ruth 1:22 Acts 16:25 Numbers 14:6 Luke 5:8-10 Job 2:11 2 Kings 2:1-14 Job 2:11 1 Samuel 18:1 Luke 5:8-10 John 11:5 2 Timothy 1:1 John 11:5 Luke 1:39-40 Job 2:11
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		Proverbs 17:17a

"A friend loves at all times."

James, Mary, Martha, Paul; Lazarus, Elizabeth, Eliphaz Moses Answer: Hushai; Festus, Ruth, Silas, Caleb, John; Bildad; Elisha; Job; David;

#### **STAFF**

Minister: Rev. William Pollack Choirmaster/Organist: Max Jackson Administrative Assistant: Nanette Pollack Facilities Manager: Glen Thomas Nursery Attendant: Kara Adkins

#### **SESSION MEMBERS**

President of Congregation: Mitch Hall
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: Kelly Hanni
Treasurer: Cathy Wilson

2026	2027	2028
Mitch Hall*	Jimmy Hall	Teresa Cassity
Jan Holbrook	Lee McCloud *	Kelly Hanni *
Ryan Whitman*	J.T. Norris *	Donna Jones
*2nd term of service		

#### **MINISTRY TEAMS**

Building & Grounds:  Glen Thomas	Membership: Teresa Cassity
Christian Education: Lee McCloud	Mission: Donna Jones
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Finance:	Worship:
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