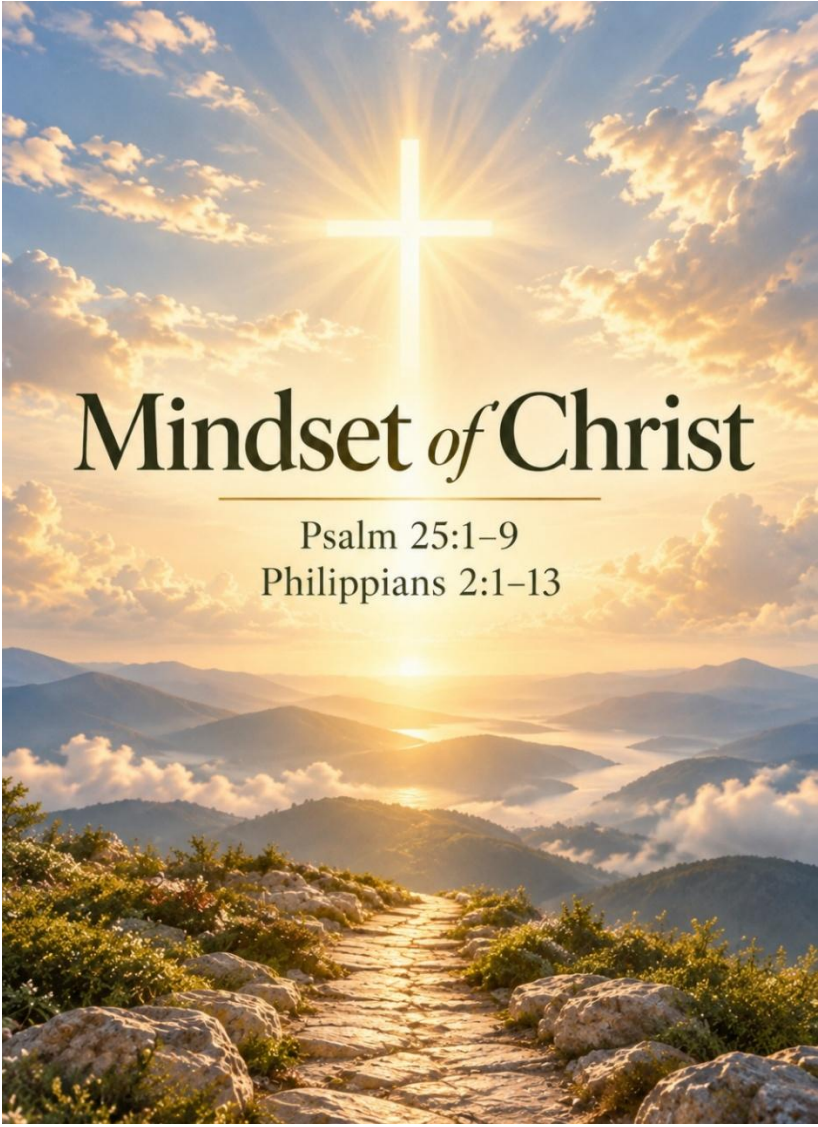




Mindset *of* Christ

Psalm 25:1–9
Philippians 2:1–13



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026

10:50 a.m.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

Blythe Weston

Prelude

Max Jackson

Wondrous Love

Bernard W Sanders

† Call to Worship

L: Holy God, we pray to You this morning:

P: Make our joy complete.

L: As many gather and become one in the Body of Christ:

P: Make our joy complete.

L: As we faithfully serve You:

P: Make our joy complete.

L: As we worship our God, who, though equal with God,
humbled Himself:

P: Make our joy complete.

L: As God works within us, today and always:

P: Make our joy complete.

All: In joy we worship You O, Lord. Amen.

† Hymn of Praise

#258

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

A hymn of glory let us sing!

New songs throughout the world shall ring:

Christ, by a road before untrod, ascends unto the throne of God.

The holy apostolic band upon the Mount of Olives stand,
and with His followers they see their Lord ascend in majesty.

To all, the shining angels cry,

“Why stand and gaze upon the sky? This is the Savior!”
thus they say; “This is His glorious triumph day.”

“You see Him now, ascending high up to the portals of the sky.

Here after you shall Jesus see returning in great majesty.”

O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to You let earth accord.

You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit one.

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.”

† Assurance of Pardon

† Response

#439 (2,3)

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

God forgives all your transgressions, all diseases gently heals;
God redeems you from destruction, and with you so kindly deals.

Far as east from west is distant, God has put away our sin;
like the pity of a father has the Lord's compassion been.

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

Children’s Message

Anthem

Chancel Choir

For Where Love Is, There Is God

Douglas Wagner, arr.

Come as strangers to the altar, for where love is, there is God.
Come you poor, you weak who falter, for where love is, there is God
Song and scripture wed together, bound by faith in sacred Word,
sharing peace and consolation, for where love is, there is God.

Let us each love one another, for where love is, there is God.

And embrace as sister, brother, for where love is, there is God.
Heal our hurting, lift our spirits, cease our cold, contentious ways.
Speak the grace of love unending, for where love is, there is God.
Alleluia, praise the Lord. Alleluia, for where love is, there is God.

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 25:1–9 (NRSV)

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. ² O my God, in You I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. ³ Do not let those who wait for You be put to shame; →

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. ⁴ Make me to know Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. ⁵ Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all day long. ⁶ Be mindful of Your mercy, O Lord, and of Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. ⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! ⁸ Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. ⁹ He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.

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

Psalm 25:1–9

Congregation

Spiritual Aspirations

To Thee I lift my soul, in Thee my trust repose;
My God, O put me not to shame before triumphant foes.

None shall be put to shame that humbly wait for Thee,
But those that willfully transgress, on them the shame shall be.

Show me Thy paths, O Lord, teach me Thy perfect way;
O guide me in Thy truth divine, and lead me day by day.

For Thou art God that dost to me salvation send,
And patiently through all the day upon Thee I attend.

Recall Thy mercies, Lord, their tenderness untold,
And all Thy loving-kindnesses, for they have been of old.

My sins and faults of youth, let them forgotten be,
And for Thy tender mercies' sake, O Lord, remember me.

The Lord is just and good, instructing those that stray;
The meek He will in judgment guide and make them know His way.

† **The New Testament Lesson:** Philippians 2:1–13 (NRSV)

2 If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.

⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸ He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God exalted Him even more highly and gave Him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed Me, not only in My presence but much more now in My absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

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

Sermon

Rev. Deanna Bradley

Mindset of Christ

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

† Hymn of Response

#300

We Are One in the Spirit

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

*Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. [R]

We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride. [R]

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All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. [R]

† **Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (sings)

Offering Acknowledgement

Special Offering: CARES

† **Doxology**

#606

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**

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

† **Hymn of Sending**

#215

What Wonderful Love is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.

Postlude

Canzona in G Minor

Girolamo Frescabaldi

† Charge & Benediction

† *Standing as you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Jan Holbrook* | Liturgist: *Blythe Weston*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 52

General Offering: \$460.00

Peacemaking: \$40.00

Online Offering: \$580.00

Total Offering: \$1,080.00

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

→ SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Sunday Morning Study, 9:28 a.m.

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

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

Contemplative Prayer, 9:30 a.m.

Children and Youth: 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Max's Birthday Celebration, following worship

Missions Ministry Team Luncheon and Presentation, Noon

The Chosen Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.



→ MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Sew Blessed, 6 p.m.

→ TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Tai Chi, 5 p.m.

→ WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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

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

→ THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

Paper Angels, 1 p.m.



Pulpit Supply:

 October 4:	<i>Rev. Jerry Utt</i>
 October 11:	<i>Rev. Jimm Smedley</i>
 October 18:	<i>Patrick Hall</i>
 October 25:	<i>Rev. Jerry Utt</i>

A banner for World Communion Sunday. It features a background of a sunset over a body of water with a faint world map overlay. In the foreground, there is a rustic wooden table with a loaf of bread, a piece of bread, and a chalice. The text is centered and reads:

World Communion Sunday

October 4

Reception following worship
with various breads from around the world.

A banner for Thanksgiving Baskets. It features a background of autumn leaves and pumpkins. The text is centered and reads:

Ashland Blazer Youth Services Center

Thanksgiving Baskets

We will begin collecting items on October 11.

- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Gravy
- Stuffing
- Biscuit or Roll Mix
- Cranberry Sauce
- Canned Green Beans
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Crispy Onion Straws
- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Brown Sugar
- Marshmallows
- Pecans
- Canned Corn
- Pumpkin Pie Filling
- Canned Milk
- Coffee
- Tea
- Hot Cocoa Mix
- Clothes Baskets

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending September 25

Brittany Bentine (Ann Wiseman's granddaughter)
Steve Brown (Mary Whitman Brown's father in law)
Darlene Garris (Kay Ferguson's niece)
Jason Garris (Kay Ferguson's great nephew)
Mike Hall (Geri Willis' brother)
Don Lilly
Thorfinn Marcum (Nanette)

Week ending September 18

Kena Broomall/Surgery Nov. 3 (Kelly & Mark Hanni's daughter)
Jacob Mollette (Glen & Christy Thomas' son)

Week ending September 11

Carolyn Burton (Melissa Rigsby)

Ongoing:

<i>Christina Akers</i> (Heather Whitman's sister-in-law)	<i>Nancy Payne</i>
<i>Bill Gesling</i>	<i>Bonnie Pettijohn</i>
<i>Charlie Holbrook</i>	<i>Tim Shepard</i>
<i>Angie Lewis</i>	<i>Jan Winans</i>
<i>Chris Payne</i>	<i>Ann Wiseman</i>
<i>Derek Payne</i>	

Boyd Nursing and Rehabilitation: Kenny McGill, Sr.

Kingsbrook Care Center: Barry Barbour

The Lantern: Betty Jean Phipps

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

FOLLOW JESUS!

Philippians 2:1-13



Find the 12 words. Words may go across, down, backward, or diagonal.

B	A	T	S	O	P	O	S	Y	K	H	R	M	W	Q
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WORDS TO FIND

JESUS

CHRIST

LOVE

JOY

UNITY

HUMBLE

SERVE

OTHERS

KINDNESS

LIGHT

OBEY

GLORY

Bonus: Choose one word and tell how you can live it this week!

STAFF

Minister: *Vacant*
Choirmaster/Organist: *Max Jackson*
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*
Facilities Manager: *Glen Thomas*
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Jan Holbrook*
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2027	2028	2029
<i>Jimmy Hall</i>	<i>Teresa Cassity</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook *</i>
<i>Lee McCloud *</i>	<i>Kelly Hanni *</i>	<i>Mike Lilly</i>
<i>J.T. Norris *</i>	<i>Donna Jones</i>	<i>Ellen Sharp</i>
*2nd term of service		

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>Glen Thomas</i>	Membership: <i>Teresa Cassity</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</i>	Mission: <i>Donna Jones</i>
Congregational Life: <i>Cathy Wilson</i>	Personnel: <i>Jan Holbrook</i>
Finance: <i>Mitch Hall</i>	Worship: <i>Mike Lilly</i>

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