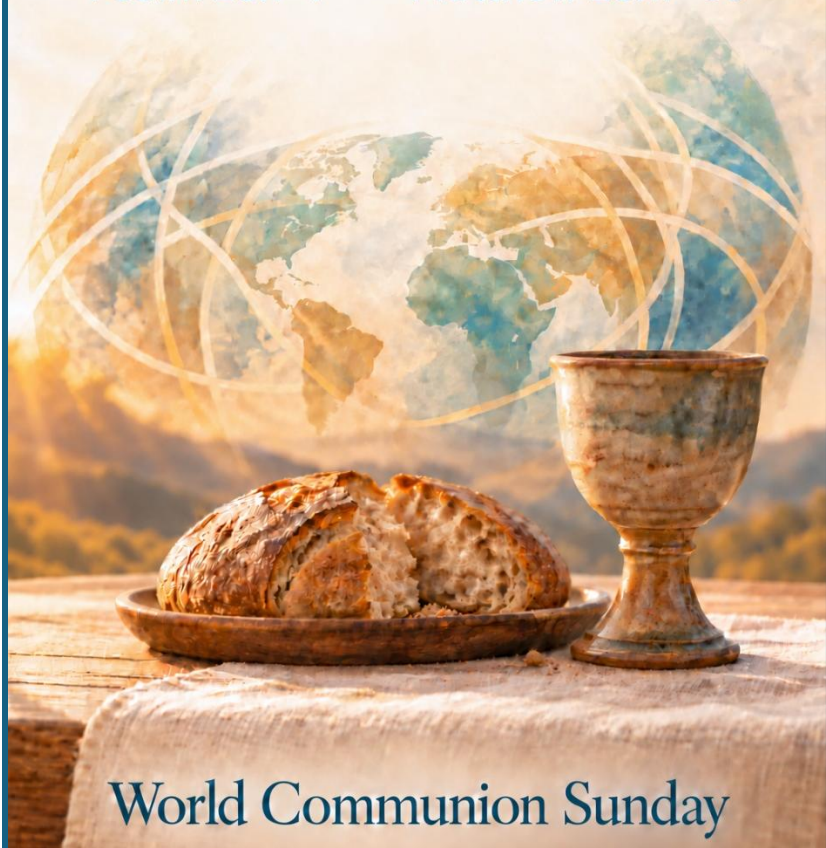


Table Manners

Psalms 25:1-9 • Matthew 26:17-30



World Communion Sunday



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost | World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2026

10:50 a.m.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

Ellen Sharp

Gideon Speaker

Prelude

Max Jackson

You Satisfy The Hungry Heart

Charles Callihan

† Call to Worship

L: From north and south, from east and west, we come:

A: God's people called to the Table where simple grace nourishes us.

L: From down the street to across town, from single households to apartment dwellers:

A: God's people are called to community, where we live and serve one another.

L: From every class, every race, every status; from little ones with sippy cups to elders with overflowing hearts:

A: God's people are called to witness to God's hope, to offer peace and share His love.

† Hymn of Praise

#681

This is the Day the Lord Hath Made

This is the day the Lord hath made; the hours are all God's own.
Let heaven rejoice; let earth be glad, and praise surround the throne.

Hosanna to the anointed King, to David's holy Son!

Help us, O Lord; descend and bring salvation from the throne.

Blest be the Lord, who comes in power with messages of grace,
who comes in this accepted hour to save our sinful race.

Hosanna in the highest strains the church on earth can raise!
The highest heavens in which God reigns shall now resound with praise.

† Call to Confession

Rev. Jerry Utt

† Prayer of Confession

God of all nations, we confess that we have not lived as one body. We stand apart from you, and we stand apart from each other. We cling to our own tribes, building walls, casting stones, allowing division, prejudice, and fear to fracture the unity you desire for your people. Our brokenness dishonors you. Our busyness keeps us from noticing your goodness and grace. Our failure to seek peace wounds your world. Forgive us. Heal us. Make us one. Amen.

† Assurance of Pardon

† Response

#446 (1)

How Blest, Those Whose Transgressions

How blest, those whose transgressions have freely been forgiven;
whose guilt is wholly covered before the sight of heaven.

Blest, those to whom our Lord God will not impute their sin:
whose guilt has been forgiven; whose hearts, made true again.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Anthem

Chancel Choir

With Songs Of Rejoicing

Johann Ludwig Bach

With songs of rejoicing sing praise to the Lord; For he has done marvelous things! Break forth into joy. His praises the lyre and the trumpet employ. The floods clap hands, and the hills sing for joy. The seas with their roaring speak praise to his name. Come make a joyful noise, sing unto the Lord, sing alleluia!

Prayer for Illumination

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

¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. ²O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. ³Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. ⁴Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. ⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

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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!**

Psalms 119 (1–8)

Congregation

How blessed are they whose path is pure, who keep God's Law aright;
And happy they who by true faith find favor in God's sight.

The Lord commands that holy Law should be our constant guide;
And those who bow to God's decree shall not be cast aside.

O may we ever steadfast be in living out God's will;
Whose Law, our counsel will remain; whose love, our comfort still.

† The New Testament Lesson: Matthew 26:17–30 (NRSV)

¹⁷ On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" ¹⁸ He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.' " ¹⁹ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. ²⁰ When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve disciples, ²¹ and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." ²² And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" ²³ He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴ The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." ²⁵ Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so." ²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

“Drink from it, all of you, ²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.” ³⁰ When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

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

Sermon

Rev. Jerry Utt

Table Manners

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

† **Hymn of Response**

#525

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: *When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)*

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us drink wine together on our knees. [*Refrain*]

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us praise God together on our knees. [*Refrain*]

† **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

#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

Communion Anthem

Chancel Choir

Lamb Of God Most Holy

Sandra Gay

O Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross did suffer, So patient still and lowly, yourself to scorn did suffer. Our sins by you were taken, our hope had us forsaken: Have Mercy on us, Jesus. When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Your peace be with us, Jesus.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Jerry Utt

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.

It is right . . . Hear us, gracious God, as we join creation's song and sing Your eternal praise:

**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.**

. . . With thanksgiving, we celebrate the good news of the
presence of the Holy Spirit in the midst of our lives even as we
proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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 (sins)

The Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

*(We will receive the bread and cup from our ushers. Eat the bread
as an individual act of repentance and thanksgiving. Please retain
the cup until all are served and we will take it together.)*

Prayer After Communion

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

† **Hymn of Sending**

#306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our *Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers.

Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear.

And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Postlude

Go My Children, With My Blessing

June Nixon

† Charge & Benediction

† *Standing as you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Jan Holbrook* | Liturgist: *Ellen Sharp*

LAST WEEK’S RECAP

Attendance: 96
General Offering: \$2,268.00
CAREs: \$50.00
Memorials: \$250.00
Honorarium: \$100.00
Tee Shirts: \$30.00
Tri State for Ukraine (Sunflower): \$847.00
Online Offering: \$480.00
Total Offering: \$4,025.00

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

→ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

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.

Breads Around the World Reception, following worship

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

→ TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Tai Chi, 5 p.m.

→ WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Men’s Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans
Bell Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

→ THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m.
Horizon’s Bible Study, 5:15 p.m.

Meet Rev. Jerry Utt

A native West Virginian and longtime Kentuckian, Rev. Jerry Utt has pastored churches in Eastern and Central Kentucky for more than 20 years. He currently serves as mission developer for A Gathering Place, a new ministry initiative of Faith Presbyterian Church in downtown Morehead. Jerry enjoys reading, walking, playing games, and meeting new friends.

Operation Christmas Child

OCC boxes will be blessed on November 8.



October

Small stuffed animals • Craft kits • Yo-yos •
Kaleidoscopes • Slinkys • Balls

November

Money for postage

Ashland Blazer Youth Services Center

Thanksgiving Baskets

Collection: Oct. 11 – Nov. 8

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

FPC Staff

Appreciation Luncheon

and Table & Treat

Sunday, October 25

Following morning worship

Children are invited
to wear their costumes!

Taco/salad bar
Desserts • Drinks

A Bag of BLESSINGS
for our staff

Add handwritten notes, small treats,
and gift cards.

BROWN paper packages will be available
every Sunday in October.

We are collecting candy
for Table & Treat!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending October 1

Mike Hall (Geri Willis' brother)

Don Lilly

Frances Potter (Roger Potter's sister)

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)

Thorfinn Marcum (Nanette)

Week ending September 18

Kena Broomall/Surgery Nov. 3 (Kelly & Mark Hanni's daughter)

Jacob Mollette (Glen & Christy Thomas' son)

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)

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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