

19th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
October 4, 2026

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

Prelude *Adagio con molt' espressione* from Op. 22 Beethoven

Greeting and Announcements **Opening Sentences**

***Doxology** - all to sing No. 592
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Praise**

***Call to Worship**
Leader: We gather with hope in our hearts,
People: for something happens here that teaches us God is present.
Leader: We know this place is sacred,
People: for something happens here that teaches us God is our center.
Leader: We gather with joyful praise,
People: for something happens here that teaches us God is forever faithful.
Leader: Let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn** ["Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"](#)

***Call to Confession**
Leader: God's law is right and just, offering us wisdom and enlightenment.
Yet we ignore the importance of God's law in our lives and persist in our own ways. In humility, let us confess our sins.

***Prayer of Confession** (in unison)
God of the law and the prophets, we do not want to admit all the commandments we have broken. We worship idols of money, success, and power. We use your name to justify whatever we do. We do not honor each other; we covet, we lie, we wish evil upon others. Our sins

are too many to name. Forgive us. Speak to us and we will listen, remembering that you are our freedom and deliverer.
A Time of Silent Prayer

***Assurance of Forgiveness**
Leader: The Word tells us — Do not be afraid: God loves us with an everlasting love; God's grace is unending. This is good news!
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***Response of Praise**-all to sing "Gloria Patri" No. 579
*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 Share God's Peace**
Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
(You are invited to share God's peace as you greet those around you.)

Special Music *Moderato* from Hob. 31 Haydn

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Supper
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Words of Institution

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading [Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 \(NRSV\)](#)

Hymn (seated) “Jesus Loves Me” No. 304
*Jesus loves me! This I know. For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Children’s Message
(Children grades K-8 may be dismissed to Sunday School)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading [Matthew 21:33-46 \(NRSV\)](#)

Sermon “*The Harvest Time*” The Rev. M. Rex Espiritu
at a distance

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People...The Lord’s Prayer (‘debts’ and debtors’)

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn “[The Church’s One Foundation](#)”

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Presto ma non troppo* from Hob. 37 Haydn

(We invite you to remain seated through the Postlude.)

*Indicates that those who are able may stand.

Lectionary readings for October 11, 2026

Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14