

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD’S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

The Goodness Of God +

Abi Clear, voice & Mike Costa, piano

By Bethel Music

Sheaves of Summer

TFWS #2257

UMH #637

Liturgy Training

On **Tuesday evening, Oct. 20**, Pastor Tracey will host liturgy training via Zoom from **7:00-8:00pm**. This training will provide a quick overview of Christian worship and information that will equip you to be a liturgist. While attending the training doesn’t require you to become a liturgist, it will help you feel confident in doing so. When we share in the leadership of worship, it becomes a more meaningful experience for all of us and a more encompassing offering of our praise to God! See the October Monthly Views article for the Zoom link and additional details.



 **SHARING CHRIST:** 

LOVE, HOPE, JOY

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Today’s Participants:
Senior Pastor: Tracey Leslie
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Director of Music: Michael Costa
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ORDER OF WORSHIP
October 4th, 2026: 19th Sunday After Pentecost
GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT



WELCOME & GREETING

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT *Ten Thousand Reasons* Matt Redman

GETTING ENGAGED

PRELUDE *Nothing Can Trouble* Hand Bell Choir
(Nada Te Turbe)

*CALL TO WORSHIP
(from <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/10/call-to-worship-world-communion-sunday.html>)

One: Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

All: We gather with them in heart and mind.

One: Around the world the broken body is made whole.

All: As part of that body we join in its unity.

One: Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

All: We, who share in the banquet, come eager to be fed.

One: Let us worship together, let us share God's bounty.

*OPENING HYMN *All Who Hunger* TFWS #2126

*OPENING PRAYER (by Molly Spangler) In Unison

**God of the joyful feast, today in the north and the south, in the east and the west,
we are grateful as we meet you around tables full of gifts you have given us.**

**Continue to pour out your Spirit upon us so that when the meal is over and we
leave this table, we might be a part of extending every table around the world.**

**Help every meal we share look more and more like your
heavenly feast; everyone welcomed, everyone fed, everyone nourished.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Ruth 2:1-4, 14-20

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER HYMN *One Bread, One Body* UMH #620

PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor Tracey Leslie

*GOSPEL READING Matthew 11:28-12:8

One: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

All: Praise be to you, O Christ!

THE SERMON

The Blessing of Bread

Pastor Tracey Leslie

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & PARDON

One: Gracious and loving God, you invite all your children to gather at your table. Jesus prayed that we might be one—one in Spirit, and one in mission. Yet we confess that we fail to live in the unity you desire.

All: Forgive us, Lord.

One: We confess that we build walls instead of bridges. We divide ourselves by race, culture, language, and status. We let our pride silence the songs of others, and our petty complaints stifle the sound of your praise.

All: Forgive us, Lord.

One: While siblings around the world feast on your grace—and some do so in fear, or face physical hunger—we often live in comfortable indifference to their suffering. We break our communion through hostile words, unkind actions, and a lack of love for our global neighbors.

All: Have mercy on us, O God. Cleanse us from our unrighteousness, renew our hearts by your Holy Spirit, and make us truly one body in Christ.

(Silent reflection and personal confession)

One: Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, freed, and reconciled. Thanks be to God!

All: Amen.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Taste And See
Choir

By James E. Moore

*DOXOLOGY UMH #94

*** Please stand as you are able ***

Please join us in the Gathering Place following worship for refreshments

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