

Worship Guide May 10, 2026

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Andrew Chapdelaine

Call to Worship

Pastor: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of praise be heard!

Many: God has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

Pastor: Come and hear what God has done for us!

Many: God has listened to us and heard our prayers!

All: Let us worship God together!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Song – LYH #99 “Center of My Life”

Worship Leader Emmanuel

(Note: people do not stand during the candle lighting)

O Lord, you are the center of my life:

I will always praise you,

I will always serve you,

I will always keep you in my sight.

(Interlude: Child lights candle)

O Lord, you are the center of my life:

I will always praise you,

I will always serve you,

I will always keep you in my sight.

Presenting the Word

Worship Leader: Your Word Lord, is eternal.

All: It stands firm in the heavens forever!” Psalm 119:89

(Bible is walked to the table)

Song - PH #582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines” Worship Leader Emmanuel

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

V1 – Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

V2 – World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

Leader: Please be seated

Confession and Pardon

Worship Assistant Chawezi

Confession of Sin

Leader: Please join me as we confess our sins together.

All: Holy One,

We love you imperfectly:

we do not always keep your commandments.

We love each other imperfectly:

we hurt those you call us to love

through our actions and our inaction.

We love ourselves imperfectly:

we struggle to believe that we are truly your children,

made in your image.

Forgive us.

By the power of your Spirit,

make us more faithful

that we might live as Christ has shown us,

reflecting your love and grace.

In Christ's name, hear our silent prayers of return...

Moment of silence (as people confess their own sins)

Assurance of Pardon

Worship Assistant Chawezi

Leader: Friends, hear the good news: because Christ lives, we also live.

Not because of anything we have done, not because of our belief or faithfulness, but because He lives.

Many: This is the Christ who forgives us. This is the God who is in us.

This is the Spirit who is with us. Thanks be to God!

Doxology PH #608

Worship Leader Emmanuel

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

Children's Blessing "You are Somebody" Worship Leader Emmanuel

Leader: Will the children come forward for the blessing

You are somebody, somebody on the Lord's side.
You are somebody, somebody on the Lord's side.
(repeat)

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Turn and share the peace with the people around you)

OFFERING

Invitation to Offering

Worship Assistant Chawezi

(WA to ask people to return to seats as needed before starting)

Leader: Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.
*The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
The world, and those who live in it. (Ps 24:1)*

Bread and Cup

Leader: For God so loved the world he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life!

(WA to pause and wait for the children to bring up the elements and recess to the back of the chapel)

Leader: Now, as Christ humbled himself and gave Himself on the cross on our behalf, let us consecrate our tithes and offerings to Him! Even more than this: Let us "present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship!

Presentation of tithes and offerings

Song LYH #46 "Majesty"

Worship Leader Emmanuel

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

Majesty, worship his majesty;
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority
Flow from his throne unto his own, his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus;
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship his majesty;
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

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Dedication of Offering **Worship Assistant Chawezi** (own words for prayer)

Leader: You may be seated.

THE WORD

Story Time: "The Caretaker" (John 14:15-31)

Song LYH #39 "Jesus, Name above All Names" Worship Leader Emmanuel

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

Jesus, name above all names;
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us;
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.
(Repeat)

(Children leave during song)

Leader: You may be seated.

Prayer for Illumination

Pastor Andrew

Leader: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

Leader: Our scripture today is John 14:15-21. After the text is being read, we will
take a few minutes to meditate on God's Word. Hear the Word of the Lord:

Scripture Reading John 14:15-21

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep[Ⓜ] my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,[Ⓜ] to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be[Ⓜ] in[Ⓜ] you. ¹⁸ "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

Response: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Now, let us sit quietly and open our hearts to God's word and spirit as we reflect on the word; in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen!

Silent Meditation

Sermon "Promises to Keep"

Pastor Andrew Chapdelaine

Song PH #626 "As the Deer" Worship Leader Emmanuel

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

**V1 - As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.**

(Refrain)

**You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.**

Confession of Faith

Worship Assistant Chawezi

Leader: Please remain standing as we confess our faith:

We believe that the Spirit of God brings God's forgiveness to humankind; moves us to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience; and initiates a new life in Christ. This new life takes shape in a community in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of what we are. We therefore love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is God's sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death, and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ. Amen.

Leader: You may be seated.

Prayers of the People **Worship Assistant Chawezi**

Song - LYH #7 "I Will Call Upon the Lord"

Worship Leader Emmanuel

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

I will call upon the Lord,
Who is worthy to be praised.
So shall I be saved from my enemies.
I will call upon the Lord.

(Repeat verse)

The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock,
And the God of my salvation be exalted.
The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock,
And the God of my salvation be exalted.

(Repeat verse)

Leader: You may be seated.

COMMUNION Led by Pastor Andrew

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Pastor: Jesus said: Come to me, all you that are weary
and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Let us remember that the table is not a right bestowed upon the worthy,
but a privilege given to the undeserving.

Christ invites all to his table.

This table helps us to strive for authenticity in all aspects of our lives,
and helps us to seek to live in peace with each other and our communities.

Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: In every time and every age, O God,
it is good and faithful that we give you thanks,
for your mercy is sure
and your steadfast love endures forever.
In your compassion you gave us Christ Jesus,
who sets us free from death
and leads us to life eternal.
And so, with all creation,
with all the needy and hungry ones,
with all those who have enough and plenty,
with creatures large and small,
with sun and moon and stars
and with the saints of every age,
we praise your name and join their unending refrain:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed in the he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God, creator of all things.
By your power and love you continue
to deliver your people from bondage,
thwart the designs of evil,
show the way through the wilderness,
turn hardship into righteousness,
and reveal your hand upholding the just.
Blessed are you, O Christ, servant of the universe.
You came among us to feed and heal and teach,
to confound the haughty,
to confuse the deceivers,
to challenge the wrong-hearted,
and, in all these things,
to give hope to those who long for peace.
Remembering our Lord's self-giving love,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Pastor: Blessed are you, O Spirit, giver of life.
You give us words when we have none;
you fill us with vision when we have the most need;
you give us voice to proclaim our faith in every hour.
Be our guide and teacher, today and always.
Come now, O Prince of Peace,
Spirit of Love,
Breath of Life.
Bring to all this hurting world the joy that Mary knew,
and teach us to proclaim with her,
"I have seen the Lord!"
In the unity of the Holy Trinity,
in gratitude for this great day of resurrection,
we praise you, God of all that is,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray for God's rule on earth as Jesus taught us:

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Pastor:

God, we give you thanks that on the night of his arrest
Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,

do this in remembrance of me.

Every time you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord,
until he comes.

With thanksgiving, let us offer God all that we are.

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

Communion of the People

Pastor:

The table is set. Our savior joyfully awaits.

After the deacons come forward to serve, please, come to the table!

(Explanation of intinction, individual serving cups if preferred. Deacons will note any who want cups or who need to be served in their seats.)

(Musical Interlude)

Prayer after Communion

Pastor: Living Christ, as you open the scripture to us you make yourself known in the breaking of the bread. Let us now go forth from this place, fed at you table and filled by the Spirit.

**All: Let us walk with you all the days of our lives,
and proclaim the glory of your resurrection
to all the world. Amen.**

SENDING

Charge and Blessing Pastor Andrew

Pastor: Please stand for the benediction
(Pastor returns to pew)

Song LYH #44 - "Lord, Glorify Your Name"

Worship Leader Emmanuel

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

Lord, glorify your name as we lift our hands in praise.
Bring your pow'r, bring your holiness,
Bring your glory to this place.

As we sing to you, "Hallelujah!"
we lift our voice to you, "Hallelujah!"
we lift our voice to you, "Hallelujah!" "Hallelujah!"

Lord, glorify your name as we lift our hands in praise.
Bring your pow'r, bring your holiness,
Bring your glory to this place.

(Pastor recesses down from aisle after first stanza)

As we sing to you, "Praise you, O Lord!"
we lift our voice to you, "Praise you O Lord!"
Lord we sing to you, "Praise you O Lord, Praise you O Lord!"

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