

Worship Guide September 20, 2026

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Andrew Chapdelaine

Call to Worship

(Pastor moves to lectern left of the Lord's table)

Pastor: We bow with the rolling rocks. We sing with the roaring rivers.

Many: God is our strength and our salvation, our justice and our joy.

Pastor: With all that we have and all that we are, we say:

Many: God is so good!

All: Let us worship God together!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Song – LYH #85 “Thy Word”

Worship Leader Emmanuel

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

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me.

And nothing will I fear, as long as you are near,

Please be near me, to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

(Interlude: Child lights candle)

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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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 Tracy

Call to Confession

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

Prayer of Confession

**All: Loving God,
we confess that we have failed to live in harmony
with our siblings.
We have been self-righteous in our attitudes,
closed-minded in our beliefs,
and judgmental in our opinions.
We have shunned those whose ways
we do not understand,
and we have despised those
who do not endorse what we believe.
Forgive us, God, and help us to forgive.
Help us to look on others as you do,
that we may dwell in peace with Christ,
who is Lord of all.
In Christ's name, hear our silent prayers of return...**

Moment of silence (as people confess their own sins)

Assurance of Pardon

Worship Assistant Tracy

Leader: Friends, hear the good news: the Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Many: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! 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 Tracy

(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 PH #705 "You Are Holy"

Worship Leader Emmanuel

V1 - You are holy, (You are holy)
You are mighty, (You are mighty)
You are worthy, (You are worthy)
Worthy of praise, (Worthy of praise)

I will follow, (I will follow)
I will listen, (I will listen)
I will love you, (I will love you)
All of my days, (All of my days)

You are Lord of lords; you are King of kings,
You are mighty God, Lord of everything.
You're Emmanuel, you're the great I AM;
You're the Prince of Peace,
Who is the Lamb.

You're the living God:
You're my saving grace;
You will reign forever;
You are Ancient of Days.

You are Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End.
You're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer, and Friend.
You're my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for you.

Dedication of Offering

Worship Assistant Tracy (own words for prayer)

Leader: You may be seated.

THE WORD

Story Time: "Not Fair and Unbalanced" (Genesis 50:15-21)

Song LYH #96 "Love the Lord Your God"

Worship Leader Emmanuel

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

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.
Love the Lord your God with all your soul.
Love the Lord your God with all your mind.
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

(repeat song)

(Children leave for Sunday School during song)

Leader: You may be seated.

(Emmanuel moves lectern to center front for sermon)

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 Genesis 50:16-21. After the text is read, we will take a few minutes to meditate on God's Word. Hear the Word of the Lord:

Scripture Reading Genesis 50:16-21

¹⁶ So they approached ^[a] Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, ^[a] fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

Response: Thanks be to God!

Silent Meditation

Sermon "Making Meaning"

Pastor Andrew

(Emmanuel moves lectern back to the left of the Lord's table)

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 Tracy

Leader: Please remain standing as we confess our faith from the Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
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 living 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.**

Leader: You may be seated.

Prayers of the People

Pastor Andrew

V1 - Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.

V2 - Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my heart.

V3 - Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
In ears that hear me Christ ever be.

Leader: You may be seated.

COMMUNION Led by Pastor Andrew

(Pastor moves behind the Lord's table)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Pastor: As we prepare our hearts and minds for Communion, let us remember that this is not Christ's Community Church's table, or a Presbyterian table. This is God's table. Christ invites all who seek him to be nourished in communion with God and with one another. And so, my friends...

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: Praise to you, O God, for all your works.
You created the world and called it good
and made us in your image to live together in love.
You made a covenant with us,

and even when we turned from you,
you remained ever faithful.
Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

Song LYH #125 – “Great Thanksgiving” (Part 1)

Praise Team

**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 Lord’s name. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the Lord’s name. Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor: Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son.
He lived among us and told your story.
He healed the sick and welcomed sinners.
He shared our pain and died our death,
then rose to new life that we might live,
and all creation be restored.
Remembering your boundless love
revealed to us in Jesus Christ,
we break bread and share the cup,
giving ourselves to you
to live for him in joy and praise.
Great is the mystery of faith:

Song LYH #125 – “Great Thanksgiving” (Part 2)

Praise Team

**Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.
Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and of the vine
that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ
and that we may be his body for the world.
By your Spirit unite us with Christ and one another
until we feast with him and with all your saints in
your eternal realm of justice and peace.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever.

Song LYH #125 – “Great Thanksgiving” (Part 3)

Praise Team

**Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen,
Amen, Amen, Amen, 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:

We give you thanks, God,
that on the night before he died,
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.

And in the same way, Jesus took the cup, saying:

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

Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

For as often as you eat of this bread and drink of this cup,
you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes in glory.

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 servers come forward, you are invited to come to the table, take one piece of bread, dip it into the cup of grape juice, and take both elements at the same time. There are also individual serving cups if you would prefer. If you need to be served in your seat, just raise your hand and the servers will come to you.
Would the servers please come forward at this time?

(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 your 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 may stay behind the Lord's table or come out in front of it)

Pastor: Please stand for the benediction

(Pastor returns to pew)

Song LYH #12 "Make a Joyful Noise All the Earth"

Worship Leader Emmanuel

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

(Refrain)

Make a joyful noise all the earth! Worship your God with gladness.
Make a joyful noise all the earth! Come to this place with a song!

V1 – Know that our God has made you.
Know it's to God we belong.
And come to this place with joyfulness and praise.
Worship your God with a song!

(Refrain)

Make a joyful noise all the earth! Worship your God with gladness.
Make a joyful noise all the earth! Come to this place with a song!

V2 – Enter these gates, thanksgiving.

Enter these courts with praise.
Sing thanks to your God and bless this holy name.
Worship your God with a song!

(Refrain)

Make a joyful noise all the earth! Worship your God with gladness.
Make a joyful noise all the earth! Come to this place with a song!

(Pastor recesses down the aisle during song)

Close