

Worship Guide September 27, 2026

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Andrew Chapdelaine

Call to Worship

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

Pastor: People of God, bless the Lord.

Many: Bless God's holy name!

Pastor: Give praise to God, for it is God who saves.

Many: It is God who forgives, it is God who delivers.

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 Holton

Call to Confession

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

Prayer of Confession

**All: God of our lives,
we admit we have double standards.
We seek forgiveness for ourselves,
but fail to forgive others.
We seek relief for ourselves,
but fail to seek relief for others.
We seek leniency for ourselves,
but fail to show that mercy to others.
Forgive us, mighty God.
Help us to forgive.
Help us to show others the same grace and mercy
that you have generously shown us.
In Christ's name, hear our silent prayers of return...**

Moment of silence (as people confess their own sins)

Assurance of Pardon

Worship Assistant Holton

Leader: People of God, hear and believe: God does not deal with us
according to our sins, but according to God's own steadfast love for us.
**Many: As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our sins
from 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 Holton

(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 #136 – “Freely, Freely”

Worship Leader Emmanuel

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

V1 - God forgave my sin in Jesus' name.
I've been born again in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his love as he told me to.

(Refrain)

He said, “Freely, freely, you have received,
Freely, freely, give.
Go in my name and because you believe,
others will know that I live.

V2 - All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,
in earth and heav'n in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his pow'r as he told me to.

(Refrain)

He said, “Freely, freely, you have received,
Freely, freely, give.
Go in my name and because you believe,
others will know that I live.

Dedication of Offering

Worship Assistant Holton (own words for prayer)

Leader: You may be seated.

THE WORD

Story Time: "A Grim Tale" (Matthew 18:21-35)

Song LYH #66 “Refiner’s Fire”

Worship Leader Emmanuel

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

Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver.
Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.

(Refrain)

Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire

Is to be holy, set apart for You, Lord.
I choose to be holy,
Set apart for You, my Master, ready to do Your will.

Purify my heart, cleanse me from within and make me holy.
Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin deep within.

(Refrain)
Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire
Is to be holy, set apart for You, Lord.
I choose to be holy,
Set apart for You, my Master, ready to do Your will.

(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 Matthew 18:21-35. 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 Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of

his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

Response: Thanks be to God!

Silent Meditation

Sermon "Forgiveness... And Then"

Pastor Andrew

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

Song PH #729 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

Worship Leader Emmanuel

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

V1 – Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

V4 – Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.

Confession of Faith

Worship Assistant Holton

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

Song PH #533 "In the Singing"

Worship Leader Emmanuel

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

V1 - In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open,
In the blessing, in the breaking, in the Presence at this table—

(Refrain)

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace:
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

V2 - In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance,
In the heart's cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people—

(Refrain)

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace:
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

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 PH #749 – "Come! Live in the Light!"

Worship Leader Emmanuel

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

V1 - Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God.

(Refrain)
We are called to act with justice;
We are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God.

V2 - Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So hatred and violence will be no more.

(Refrain)
We are called to act with justice;
We are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God.

(Pastor recesses down the aisle during song)

Close