

Worship Guide October 18, 2026

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Worship Assistant Tracy

Call to Worship

Pastor Pam McShane

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

Pastor: O God, you summon the day to dawn,
you teach the morning to welcome the earth.

Many: Great is your name. Great is your love.

Pastor: For you the valleys shall sing for joy,
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Many: Great is your name. Great is your love.

Pastor: For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow,
the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.

Many: Great is your name. Great is your love.

Pastor: Your love and mercy shall last forever,
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

Many: Great is your name. Great is your love.

Pastor: 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

Leader: Gracious God, you are the source of all we have.

For the times we forget that and try to grab things for ourselves,

All: Lord, forgive us.

Leader: For the times we get confused and think our primary allegiance is to any power that doesn't come from you,

All: Lord, forgive us.

Giver of all good gifts, have mercy on us.

May we receive what you give with open hearts and hands

and with joy return thanks to you

and share your gifts with others with the same generosity

as you, in Jesus Christ, have given to us.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Moment of silence (as people confess their own sins)

Assurance of Pardon

Worship Assistant Tracy

Leader: Friends, hear and believe this good news: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The past is over and gone, and new life has begun!

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

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 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!

Dedication of Offering

Worship Assistant Tracy (own words for prayer)

Leader: You may be seated.

THE WORD

Story Time: "The Apprentice" (Matthew 22:15-22)

Song - LYH #99 "Center of My Life"

Worship Leader Emmanuel

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

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.
(Repeat)

(Children leave for Sunday School during song)

Leader: You may be seated.

(Emmanuel moves lectern to center front for sermon)

Prayer for Illumination

Pastor Pam McShane

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 22:15-22. 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 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

Response: Thanks be to God!

Silent Meditation

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

Song - PH #716 "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending" Worship Leader Emmanuel

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

V1 - God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

V2 – Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, Your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone,
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

V3 – Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace
conferred:
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

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

Worship Assistant Tracy

Song PH #301 – “Let Us Build a House”

Worship Leader Emmanuel

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

V1 - Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

V2 - Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Leader: You may be seated.

COMMUNION Led by Pastor Pam McShane

(Pastor moves behind the Lord's table)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Pastor: ...So come, whether you are young or old,
whether you are rich or poor,
whether you are bowed down with grief
or dancing for joy,
whether you are sure and certain of your faith
or you are searching for God's way,

Come to Christ's table.
For all is now ready.

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: ...And so, with all the voices of creation,
and with the voices of the faithful in every time and place
we sing your praise, singing:

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: In gratitude for all you have done for us,
We offer ourselves to you.
Take our lives and perfect your image in us.
So that together we may proclaim the great 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: We ask that you pour out your Holy Spirit on us, O God,
And on these gifts of bread and cup...
In the name of the Holy Trinity, God who is One in Three, the community of
Love, Father Son and Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

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: Gracious God, at your table we have been fed in body and in spirit.

May we, who share Christ's body, live his risen life.

May we, who drink his cup, bring life to others.

May we, whom the Spirit lights, bring light to the world,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

SENDING

Charge and Blessing

Pastor Pam McShane

(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 #838 "Standing On the Promises of God"

Worship Leader Emmanuel

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

V1 - Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Through eternal ages let His praises ring,
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

(Refrain)

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God, my Savior.
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

V3 - Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God.

(Refrain)

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God, my Savior.
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

(Pastor recesses down the aisle during song)

Close