

Worship Guide October 25, 2026

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Worship Assistant Tracy

Call to Worship

Pastor Kirby Lawrence Hall

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

Pastor: The Spirit of the Lord fills the earth and all creation sings of God's glory.

Many: We come to worship the One who gives life and breath to all.

Pastor: God calls us to love, to serve, and to walk in the ways of love and justice.

Many: We open our hearts to God's presence and rejoice in the gift of community.

Pastor: Let us lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving,

Many: For God's steadfast love endures forever.

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)

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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: Gracious God, we are sinful people living in a sinful world. All around us, every day we see more and more signs of how the world requires your love, your power, and your dedication. We have not done all that you call us to do, and we do many things you tell us not to do. We have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, and mind, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, Lord. Hear our cry for you to come and set all that is wrong, right, even as you listen to the silent confessions of our hearts.

Moment of silence (as people confess their own sins)

Assurance of Pardon

Worship Assistant Tracy

Leader: The love of God is deeper than we can imagine. The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. We can rejoice in God's goodness:

Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! 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 - PH #450 "Be Thou My Vision"

Worship Leader Emmanuel

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

V1 - Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

V2 – Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

V4 – High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Dedication of Offering

Worship Assistant Tracy (own words for prayer)

Leader: You may be seated.

THE WORD

Story Time: "Counting Kindnesses, Not Laws" (Matthew 22: 34-40, Luke 10:25-37)

Song - PH #726 "Will You Come and Follow Me?"

Worship Leader Emmanuel

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

V1 - "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

V3 – "Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

V5 – Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

(Children leave for Sunday School during song)

Leader: You may be seated.

(Emmanuel moves lectern to center front for sermon)

Prayer for Illumination

Pastor Kirby Lawrence Hill

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 scriptures today are Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 and Matthew 22:34-40. After the text is read, we will take a few minutes to meditate on God's Word. Hear the Word of the Lord:

Scripture Readings

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

19 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

² "Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

¹⁵ "You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood¹⁴ of your neighbor is at stake: I am the LORD.

¹⁷ "You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Matthew 22:34-40

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him.

³⁶ "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷ He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your

mind.’ ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

Response: Thanks be to God!

Silent Meditation

Sermon "One, Two"

Pastor Kirby Lawrence Hill

(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 Tracy

Leader: Please join me as we confess our faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith):

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the church.**

The same Spirit

who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: You may be seated.

Prayers of the People

Worship Assistant Tracy

Song PH #521 – “In Remembrance of Me”

Worship Leader Emmanuel

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

V1 – In remembrance of me, eat this bread.
In remembrance of me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me, pray for the time
When God’s own will is done.

V2 – In remembrance of me, heal the sick.
In remembrance of me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of me, open the door
And let your neighbors in, let them in.

Take, eat, and be comforted;
Drink and remember, too,
That this is my body and precious blood
Shed for you, shed for you.

V3 – In remembrance of me, search for truth.
In remembrance of me, always love.
In remembrance of me, don’t look above
But in your heart, look for God.

Do this in remembrance of me.

Leader: You may be seated.

COMMUNION Led by Pastor Kirby Lawrence Hill

(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: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. You formed us in your image and set us in this world to love and serve you. When we were captives in slavery, you delivered us to freedom, and made covenant to be our sovereign God. When we were stubborn and stiff-necked, you spoke to us through prophets who looked for that day when justice shall triumph and peace shall reign over all the earth. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son. You sent him into this world to bring freedom to the captives of sin, and to establish justice for the oppressed. He came among us as one of us, taking the lot of the poor, sharing human suffering, dying an unjust death. We rejoice that in his dying and rising again, you set before us the sure promise of new life, the certain hope of a heavenly home where we will sit at table with Christ our host. Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this unfermented wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service:

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, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ’s body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. Strengthen us, O God, in the power of your Spirit to bring good news to the poor and to loose the chains that bind.

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

Praise Team

**Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen,
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.**

Lord’s Prayer

Pastor: Keep us faithful in your service even as we follow our Lord’s guidance through praying as he taught:

**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 Kirby Lawrence Hill

(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 #692 "Spirit Open My Heart"

Worship Leader Emmanuel

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

(Refrain)

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.

Spirit, open my heart.

V1 – God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.

All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.

(Refrain)

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.

Spirit, open my heart.

V2 – Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.

In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory.

(Refrain)

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.

Spirit, open my heart.

(Pastor recesses down the aisle during song)

Close