Worship Guide November 8, 2026

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements **Pastor Andrew Chapdelaine**

Call to Worship

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

Pastor: The Lord is coming. Whom will you serve?

Many: As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.

Pastor: Place your hope in God, whose story will never end.

Many: Forever we will praise our faithful helper and deliverer!

All: Let us worship God together!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Song – LYH #85 "Thy Word" **Worship Leader Emmanuel**

(Note: people do <u>not</u> 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: Everlasting God,
we say we want to see you,
we say we want to know you,
we say we want to serve you,
but we also do not want to put in the work.
We do not want to prepare for your coming
by working for your kingdom on this earth.
We do not keep alert for signs of you among us,
so we schedule you in for an hour or so on Sundays.
Forgive us. Inspire us to put our faith to action.
Surprise us with your presence so we might learn
to always be ready for you to arrive.
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: Siblings in Christ, as the psalmist writes, all who seek God will rejoice and be glad.

Many: We proclaim that God is great because of this good news: 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 then 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 #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.

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

Leader: You may be seated.

THE WORD

Story Time: "The Game Is Over" (The Book of Amos)

Song PH #451 "Open My Eyes That I May See" Worship Leader Emmanuel

V1 - Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

V2 - Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine.

V3 - Open my mouth, that I may bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with Thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see,
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine.

(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 Amos 5:18-24. 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 Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

[24] But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

Response: Thanks be to God!

Silent Meditation

Sermon "How Do I Live?" **Pastor Andrew**

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

Song PH #300 "We Are One in the Spirit" **Worship Leader Emmanuel**

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

V1 - We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

(Refrain)
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

V2 - We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:

(Refrain)
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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**

Song LYH #61 "Change My Heart, O God" Worship Leader Emmanuel

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

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

You are the potter, I am the clay,
Mold me and make me, that is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

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!
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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