Sunday Worship Service

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19th Sunday After Pentecost

October 4, 2026

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
October 4, 2026
9:30 A.M.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: Cindy Josephson

GATHERING: "This is the Day"

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made,
that the Lord hath made;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it,
and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord hath made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEACE

CORPORATE PRAYER:
"Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church."

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS ELW, pp. 94–96

OPENING HYMN: "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" (vv. 1 & 4) ELW, #712

GREETING

KYRIE

P For a renewed vision of Your mission,
C Lord, have mercy.
P For hearts committed to advancing the Gospel,
C Christ, have mercy.
P For the courage to rebuild, renew, and reach others in Christ's name,
C Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

1ST READING: Isaiah 5:1–7

2ND READING: Philippians 3:4b–14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 188

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33–46

CHILDREN'S SERMON Kathy Harrison

Children leave for Sunday School afterwards, and will return for Communion.
Feel free to "pick them up" in the Fellowship Hall if you want them sooner.

HYMN: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (vv. 1–3) ELW, #759

SERMON "It Was Never Ours" Kathy Harrison

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 into hell.*
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 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *see inside back page*

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC "Go Ye Into All The World" Butler
Bliss-Falk Families

OFFERTORY: "Make Me a Servant"

Make me a servant, humble and meek.
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.

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HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER, GREAT THANKSGIVING, WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION:

"Create in Me a Clean Heart" ELW, #188

"In the Garden"

1. I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear,
Falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.

2. He speaks and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody
That He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.

Refrain: **And He walks with me,**
And He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share
as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

3. I'd stay in the garden with Him
Tho' the night a-round me be falling,
But He bids me go;
Thru the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling.

Words and Music by: Austin C. Miles
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"One Bread, One Body" ELW, #496
"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" ELW, #779

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

See back cover for remainder of order of service

Welcome!

We welcome all who gather for worship on this day and pray God's blessing on our time together!

Guests are invited to record their visit by signing the Guest Book located at the entrance to the worship space.

All worshippers are invited to sign the red attendance folder in the pew and pass it on to their neighbor to sign.

Upcoming Events

Missions for October – We are collecting monetary donations for _ as October's Missions focus. Please mark your checks as Missions in the note field.

Bible Study – We have multiple options for Bible Study groups that meet:
Groups studying season 5 "The Chosen":
–Sundays after church
–Wednesdays at 6 p.m. via Zoom
Groups studying "Paul's Letter to the Romans":
–Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
–Thursdays at 1 p.m. at the church
These 2 groups will not meet 10/6 or 10/8. We would love to have you join us.

This Week at Bethel
October 4–11, 2026

Sun	8:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	Bible Study
	3:00 p.m.	Tongans
Mon	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	6:30 p.m.	TOPS
	6:30 p.m.	Prayer & Chair Yoga
Tue		
Wed	3:30 p.m.	Prayer & Chair Yoga
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study *(Zoom)*
Thu	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Team
Fri	6:00 p.m.	Tongans Group
Sat	9:00 a.m.	Quilting Group
	10:00 a.m.	Gamblers Anon. *(upstairs)*
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	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	Bible Study
	3 p.m.	Tongans

Save the Date:
–75th Anniversary Celebration: Oct. 17
–75th Anniversary Worship Celebration: Oct. 18

Cards for Women's Prison Please bring in your spare greeting cards to place in the box by the entry for sharing with New Beginnings ministry at the Denver Women's Correctional **by October 25**.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Thanksgiving for Families:

Patti Schoenfeld Mary Sellinger
Michael & Anna Schulzek, Nora, Ivy

Recent hospitalizations, illnesses, and concerns:

Gage *(Larry & Andrea's son, toe amputation recovery and health)*
Ryan Blankenship *(Patty Garcia's friend, lymphoma)*
Patty Garcia *(fortitude at work)*
Natalie Seibold *(friend of Pr. Barb's nephew, brain tumor surgery recovery)*
Kayla Yeary *(Vicki Florer's neighbor, post-partum blood pressure and mastitis)*
Eli Haug *(Caitlin Feakes' friend, brain tumor)*
DeeDee Pargman *(heart surgery recovery)*

For our homebound members and friends:

Wil Wertz – Jim Craig – Josh Carter

For those diagnosed with cancer:

Patti Schoenfeld
Rev. Mike Lemke
Linda Hardy
Linda Kirkegaard
Wendy *(Kim Evancho's friend)*
Derik McLin
Bob Bliss
Patrick Stephenson
Summer Stephens *(Doris Freund's niece)*
Karen Ryberg *(Sylvia Cowan's niece)*
Ruth *(Joni Dammen's friend & roommate)*
Cecelia Morrissey *(Debbie Diedrich's friend, breast)*
Paula Tveit *(multiple myeloma)*
John Beiler *(Debbie D.'s acquaintance, terminal bone)*
Susan Riley *(Lorraine Chamber's friend, breast)*
Kathy Suess *(Mary Sellinger's friend, breast)*
Robyn Smith-Serratore *(breast)*
Gary Lantis *(Andrea Newport's brother-in-law, chemo)*
Dennis Schmidt *(Kathy Harrison's brother, pancreatic)*

For those dealing with ongoing concerns:

John & Casey Howshar
Delores Rasmussen & Dan Rasmussen
Eyes: Marvin Bohrer & Bonnie Frank
Ray Johnson
Danny Cowan
Kaylee *(friend of Hamptons)*
Gerald Kelley *(Carol Smith's significant other, Alzheimer's)*
Frank Ruhs *(Ev Kelley's brother, heart health)*
Caroline Hailey-Kesler *(Linda Hailey's granddaughter rare kidney disease)*
Matthew Zenn *(Bob's grandson, heart health)*
Mary Sellinger *(health)* & Michael *(son, stroke recovery)*
Carol Einertson *(heart & kidney health)*
Ron McBroom *(Dana's husband, heart surgery)*
Gypsy *(health, housing)* and the Hendricks *(her friends)*
Andrea French *(migraines)*
Scott Crosby *(infection recovery)* & wife Dawn
Sylvia Cowan *(leg infection, heart health)*
Daughtry Family *(Pr. Barb's friends, husband ALS, hospice)*
Maya Ortega *(mental health, employment)*
Charlotte Larson *(pacemaker surgery recovery at home)*
Noah *(Ron Freund's relative, health issues)*
Leo *(Barb Steinert's father, 90, fall injuries)*
Robin Storm *(Deloris DeLapp's niece, Parkinson's)*
Eleanor Sims *(physical rehab)*
Diana *(Doris Freund's friend, deployment)*

Sending

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Onward, Christian Soldiers" (vv. 1 & 4) LBW, #509

1. Onward, Christian soldiers,
marching as to war,
with the cross of Jesus
going on before.
Christ, the royal master,
leads against the foe;
forward into battle,
see, his banners go!

4. Onward, then, you faithful,
join our happy throng;
blend with ours your voices
in the triumph song.
Glory, laud, and honor
unto Christ the king.
We through countless ages
with the angels sing:

Refrain: **Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,**
With the cross of Jesus going on before.

Words: Sabine Baring-Gould
Music: Arthur S. Sullivan
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CORPORATE PRAYER:

"Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church."

GO IN PEACE

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Worship Team for today:

Presider: Kathy Harrison
Pianist: Cindy Josephson **Hymnists:** Joy Faciane and Leah Menting
Reader: Heidi Davison **Greeter:** **Usher:** Marv & Ev Kelley
Communion Asst.: Sean Gordon & **Screen/Sound:** Travis Kleven
Youth Offering & Communion Asst.: Kiera
Video FaceBook: Bob Bliss **YouTube:** Tom Lenahan

Altar Flowers were given by Dana McBroom in honor of her mother as a celebration of her mother's birthday.

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