



October 4, 2026
*Holy Communion for the Fifteenth
Sunday After Pentecost*

(†) The congregation is invited to stand or (Sit with Gusto)
(BOLD-FACED TYPE) Congregation responds

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Silent Prayer and Time for Centering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP ***

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
all creation speaks volumes of God's handiwork.

**Each sunrise proclaims God's faithfulness
and the night reveals the Creator's awe.**

Without a word being spoken,
all creation bears witness to the goodness of the Lord.

**So, too, may we join in witness with all creation.
May the words of our mouths
and the meditation of our hearts
be God's signature in the world.**

I Come with Joy / Con Gozo Vengo

1. I come with joy, a child of God, For -
 2. I come with Chris - tians far and near To
 3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, Each

1. *Con go - zo ven - go, hi - jo/a soy De*
 2. *De cer - ca y le - jos vie - nen hoy Cris -*
 3. *Y cuan - do Cris - to par - te el pan No e -*

giv - en, loved, and free, The life of Je - sus
 find, as all are fed, The new com - mu - ni -
 proud di - vi - sion ends. The love that made us,
Dios, que me sal - vó, Ya Cris - to quie - ro a -
tia - nos a en - con - trar Fa - mi - lia nue - va,
xis - te e - ne - mis - tad, Pues el A - mor que

to re - call, In love laid down for
 ty of love In Christ's com - mun - ion
 makes us one, And stran - gers now are
gra - de - cer Lo mu - cho que me a -
el a - mor, Yu - nión al co - mul -
nos cre - ó Nos u - ne en her - man -

me, In love laid down for me.
 bread, In Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 friends, And stran - gers now are friends.
mó, Lo mu - cho que me a - mó.
gar, Yu - nión al co - mul - gar.
dad, Nos u - ne en her - man - dad.

4. The Spirit of the risen Christ,
 Unseen, but ever near,
 Is in such friendship better known,
 Alive among us here,
 Alive among us here.

4. *Oculto y siempre cerca está*
Tu Espíritu, Señor,
Reconocido en la amistad
Y vivo en nuestro ardor,
Y vivo en nuestro ardor.

5. Together met, together bound
 By all that God has done,
 We'll go with joy, to give the world
 The love that makes us one,
 The love that makes us one.

5. *Nos encontró y nos unió*
La obra del Señor.
Al mundo vamos a extender
El gozo de su amor,
El gozo de su amor.

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† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of compassion and mercy,
we are your wounded and wounding children.
We bring our wounded selves,
our divided society, and our broken world,
seeking your healing and transforming grace.
Break down the walls of hatred,
distrust and bitterness in us
and open a way for us
to reach one another in truth and love.
Enable us to build a society where all can belong;
to share our gifts in mutual respect
and to seek for the new future
which you offer us through Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself.
Jesus Christ is God with humankind.
He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit
to continue and complete his mission.
Therefore, the church calls all people
to be reconciled to God and to one another.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: [Philippians 3:4-14](#)

(Pg. 954) **

ANTHEM

Christ the Vine

Robert J. Powell

Christ, the vine, and God, the gardener,
we, the branches bearing fruit.

We can bring forth shoots of promise
when our lives in Christ take root.

Christ, the fruit from Jesse springing,
you fulfilled the prophet's trust.

And you pray that we, your body,
will fulfill your trust in us.

Christ, may we submit to pruning
that we bear more grapes for wine.

Help us, when we're overburdened,
draw new strength from you, the vine.

You invite us to be partners,
growing Spirit's fruit anew.

Keep us one in love together:
you in us, and we in you!

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A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

† HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 2161

To Know You More

TFWS

TO KNOW YOU MORE

**To know You in all of Your glory
to love You with all that I am
with all of my heart, Lord this is my prayer
to know You more.**

**To know You in all of Your power
to trust You with all that I am
with all of my heart, Lord this is my prayer
to know You more.**

**To know You in all of Your mercy
to serve You with all that I am
with all of my heart Lord, this is my prayer
to know You more.**

**To know You in all of Your power
to trust You with all that I am
with all of my heart, Lord this is my prayer
to know You more.**

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† GOSPEL LESSON: [Matthew 21: 33-46](#)

(Pg. 803) **

PRESIDER: For the word of God in Scripture,
For the word of God among us,
For the word of God within us,

ALL: Thanks be to God!

† GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

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The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men. A - men.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests. The final system ends with a double bar line.

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SERMON: Rev. Ho-Soon Han

Like the Master; Like the Follower

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

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1. When I sur - vey the won-drous cross on which the
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de-mands my soul, my life, my all.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER SONG NO. 171

There's Something About That Name

THAT NAME

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus;

there's just something about that name.

Master Savior Jesus, like the fragrance after the rain

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus;

let all heaven and earth proclaim;

Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,

but there's something about that name

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SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER SONG *(see above)*

[Presentation of Tithes and Offerings](#)

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OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Unison



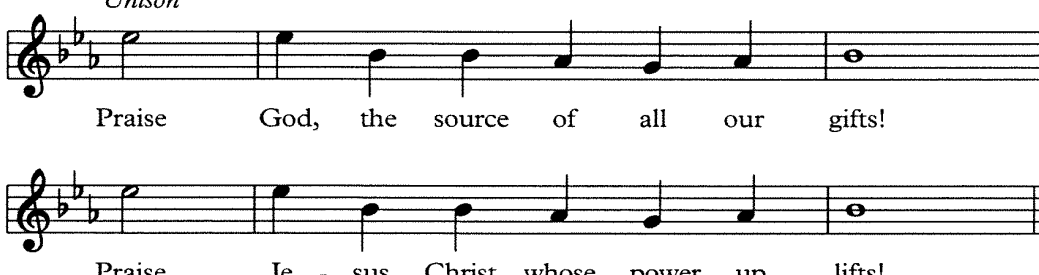
Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;
praise God, all crea - tures here be - low:

Harmony



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison



Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts!

Refrain (Harmony)



Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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† OFFERTORY PRAYER:

PRESENTATION OF BREAD – Disciple Study Graduates

Prayer

**O God, from every corner of the earth,
you gather us around one table.**

**Though our breads, languages,
cultures, and traditions are different,
we are one body in Christ.**

**May we grow in understanding across our differences
and recognize the image of God in every person.**

**Teach us to hunger for justice,
to thirst for peace,
and to share what we have with one another.**

Make us one in your love. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ◇◇

The Lord be with you....

And also with you.

Lift Up Your hearts.....

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.....

It is right to give our thanks and praise

(The Celebrant continues with the prayer for the season;)

..... *and all the company of heaven*

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Great Thanksgiving Setting D, TUMH pp.23-24

Sanctus

Carlton R. Young

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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..... *in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.....*

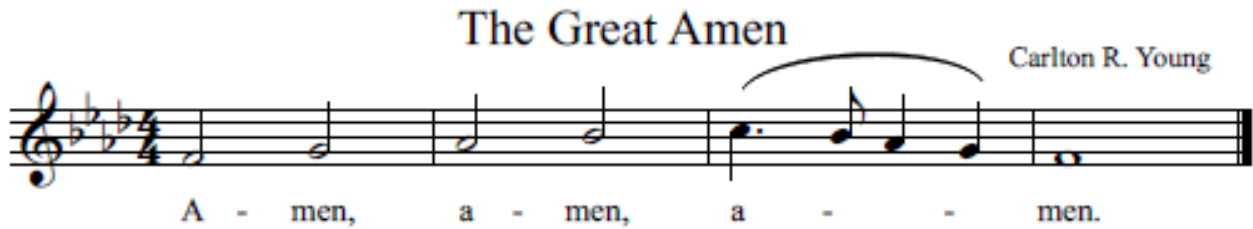
Memorial Acclamation

Carlton R. Young

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

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..... *all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.*



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The Lord's Prayer (UMH p. 895)

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

The breads of the world remind us that this Sacrament of Holy Communion, is shared across the world by Christians no matter their nationality.

Prayer Following Communion:

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

In Unity We Lift Our Song

EIN FESTE BURG

**In Unity we lift our song of grateful adoration,
for brothers brave and sisters strong.**

What cause for celebration!

**For those whose faithfulness has kept us through distress,
who've shared with us our plight,
who've held us in the night, the blessed congregation.**

**2 For stories told and told again to every generation,
to give us strength in time of pain, to give us consolation.
Our spirits to revive to keep our dreams alive,
when we are far from home and evil seasons come;
how firm is our foundation.**

**3 For sacred scriptures handed down, a blessed trust and treasure,
which give us hope when hope is gone
and make us weep with pleasure.**

**And when our eyes grow blind and death is close behind,
we shall recite them still whose words our hearts can fill
with hope beyond all measure.**

**4 For God our way, our bread, our rest, of all these gifts the Giver.
Our strength, our guide, our nurturing breast
whose hand will yet deliver.**

**Who keeps us till the day when night shall pass away,
when hate and fear are gone and all our work is done,
and we shall sing forever.**

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*Benediction

Voluntary

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Altar Flowers: In Celebration of Peyton Saucier 2nd Birthday from Mom, Dad & Hannah.

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Looking Ahead

Scripture Lessons for October 11, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

[Exodus 32:1-14 / Psalm 106:1-6, 19-13](#)

[Philippians 4:1-9 / Matthew 22: 1-14](#)



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By Feeding the Body, Mind, and Soul

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