

MESSAGE: Courage for the Next Step Pastor Cathy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Holy God, we come before you in humility, for we do not live as we ought. We do not love you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We do not love our neighbor as ourselves. So, we pray, in all humility, that you will change our hearts and minds, that you will show us again how to love others the way you love us, that you will put power and courage in our hearts to do your will.
Silent prayers of confession

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Pastor: Receive this good news: Even when we wander, we are not alone. God is with us wherever we go. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven..
People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Glory to God! Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION on screen
We practice an open table. All are welcome to receive communion.

PRAYER AFTER 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.

*CLOSING HYMN:
God of Grace and God of Glory Hymnal 577

*COMMISSION:
Pastor: Love God and serve the people.
People: Love the people and serve God.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *(Please be seated for a moment of reflection.)*

- Ministers:**
All the Church Members
- Organist/Choir Director:**
Mike Cooper
- Pianist:**
Heidi Freidhof
- Usher/Greeters:** open
- Communion:** open
- Acolyte:** open
- Liturgist:**
Jim Goodson
- Visual Tech:** open
- Fellowship:** open
- Nursery:**
Brandy Halsten
- Janitorial:**
Hoppes Family
- Administrative Assistant:**
Danene Rebelsky
- Kids Care Director:**
Jess Jaspers
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*Nurturing children, supporting families,
creating community as we share our faith.*



Adult Discussion Group 9:30 AM

Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors



Worship 10:45 AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Oct. 4, 2026  World Communion Sunday

Assistive listening devices are available from ushers.

PRELUDE

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES:

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Hymnal 127

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us greet one another with signs of peace and love.

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Please remain standing as you are able.)*

Family of God, on our journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!

Because God is with us, we can love boldly.

God is with us, and God joins us with one another as the Body of Christ.

Because God draws us together, we can serve joyfully.

Through God, we work for the flourishing of self, neighbor, and all creation.

Because God holds us together, we can lead courageously.

Family of God, on this journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!

We come to worship God by boldly loving, joyfully serving, and courageously leading, that we may be disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world.

(Please be seated.)

CHILDREN’S TIME

MORNING PRAYER:

**Holy One of mystery and power, there is no God like you in heaven above
or on earth below, keeping covenant and steadfast love with all**

**who walk before you with pure and upright hearts. Fill our lives with
your glory, as you filled the temple with cloud when Solomon first brought
the ark into your holy dwelling place. Give us the strength and power to
withstand the forces of evil at work in our lives and in our world.
Amen.**

HYMN of PREPARATION

Something Beautiful

Hymnal 394

OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day 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, for ever. Amen.**

OUR TIME OF GIVING

*DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Put peace Into Each Other’s Hands

Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Joshua 1:1-9 (NIV)

EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 6:10-18 (NIV)

L: The Living Word of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

*Indicates stand, as you are able. **Bold** indicates all join in. FWS indicates *The Faith We Sing* book.