

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



October 4, 2026

Rev. Phil Hodson, Worship Leader

A warm welcome to all today!

May this time of worship strengthen your faith and desire to serve the Creator who loves us with everlasting love in Christ Jesus.

Children are welcome in this worship service and encouraged to participate in any way they are able to. Teach the children sitting around you how to use their bulletins and sing & speak loudly!

We value the noise made by our children!

We have a nursery available in our education building with a video feed of our service.

Visitors, we are glad you are here! Please sign our Guest Register and feel free to fill out a “welcome slip” in the pews.

Please come again!!

Serving in Worship

Organist: *Christy Shinn*

Worship Leader: *Rev. Phil Hodson*,
Missouri Mid-South Conference Minister

Worship Assistant:
Debra Hoffmann

Greeters: *Roxie Davis*
Dorothy Rowley

Altar Flowers: *Melanie Lutes*

Last Week's Number's

Attendance: 62

Offering: \$1,916

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ORDER FOR WORSHIP

***Indicates congregation please stand if able**
Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

RINGING OF BELL & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INTROIT** “*Come with Rejoicing*”

Come with rejoicing, the Father is calling,
those who would worship in spirit and truth.
Come with your singing, come with Thanksgiving,
Jesus our Savior has made all things new.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: God did not wait for us to build a house.

P: God came to us in a tent and walked where we walked.

L: Through wilderness and city, through every in-between season,

P: God has been moving about among the people.

L: Come, then, people of Emanuel. God is with us.

P: We gather to meet the God who meets us here. Let us worship!

***GATHERING HYMN**“ *My Hope is Built*” #403

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Traveling God, you would not be kept in a house of cedar, but chose to pitch your tent among your people. In Jesus Christ you made your home with us. Stretch the canvas of this congregation wide enough for all you are calling us to hold. Strengthen what keeps us steady, loosen what keeps us stuck, and teach us to follow where you are going, trusting that you have already gone ahead. Amen.

***TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Trusting in the mercy of God, who never stopped moving toward us, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

(Silence for reflection.)

God who journeys with us, we confess that we like things settled. We have mistaken our walls for your presence and our habits for your will. We have kept the tent flap closed to people we did not know. We have hurried through seasons of waiting, wanting answers more than we wanted you. We have let some among us carry their burdens alone. Forgive us. Loosen our grip on what was, and set us free to follow you into what will be. Amen.

L: Hear the good news! God does not pack up and leave when we fall short. In Jesus Christ, God pitched a tent in our neighborhood and is staying put in love. Friends, believe the good news: in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

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WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Phil Hodson

CHOIR ANTHEM

“How Beautiful”

This heartfelt anthem celebrates the beauty of Christ's sacrificial love and the gift of salvation. Through its gentle melody and inspiring message, we are reminded of the power of Christ's love and called to share that love with others through acts of kindness, compassion, and service.

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 18:1-4

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL READING

John 1:1-5, 14

L: The Gospel of Christ.

P: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *“Tentmakers: Following a God Who Moves”*

***SERMON HYMN** *“As We Gather at Your Table”* #332

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

World Communion Sunday Acknowledgment

This morning we are not the only ones gathering. Since the sun first rose over the Pacific, Christians have been coming to the Lord's Table in cathedrals and storefronts, in village chapels and city churches, under tin roofs and open sky, and in refugee camps where the only shelter is a tent. They are praying in hundreds of languages and breaking every kind of bread. Today we join them. We share one loaf and one cup with sisters and brothers we will never meet this side of heaven. The Christ who pitched his tent among us gathers the whole household of God, from every land and every tongue, and makes us one.

Invitation

This is the table of Jesus Christ, not of this church or any church. All who seek God are welcome here, whether your faith is strong or unsteady, whether you have come often or never before. There is room under this tent for you. Come, for all things are ready.

Great Thanksgiving

L: God be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to God.

L: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: Holy God, you would not be kept in a house of cedar. You moved with your people through the wilderness and met them face to face as a friend. In Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, you pitched your tent among us. He welcomed strangers, fed the hungry, touched the untouchable, and gave his life so that nothing could separate us from your love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them for us the body and blood of Christ, so that we may be for the world the body of Christ: a people on the move, a household of welcome, one with every believer gathered today across the earth.

P: Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of the journey, we thank you for feeding us at this table with Christians around the world. Send us out strengthened, to share the good news, grow in faith, serve our neighbors, and care for one another, until all your children are gathered home. Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Nicene Creed* #883

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

(*debts/debtors*)

THANKSGIVING

God's gifts move us to respond with grateful words and actions.

OFFERING

Today we receive the Neighbors in Need offering, one of the ways the whole United Church of Christ stretches its tent wider. It supports ministries of justice and compassion across the country, including the Council for American Indian Ministry. What we give this morning drives in the mission peg a little deeper, beyond our walls and beyond this town. Let us give with joy.

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*OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Generous God, you gave us rest and then gave us more than we asked.

P: Receive these gifts, and make of them shelter for our neighbors, strength for our church, and good news for the world. Build us into your household, a house made of people, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*SENDING HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation" #407

*BLESSING

*BENEDICTION *"Go, My Children"*

verse 2, #82

*POSTLUDE

REMINDERS

*NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING—Make checks payable to EUCC and write NIN in the memo line.

*EASTERN ASSOCIATION MEETING--3:00 pm today in the sanctuary

THIS WEEK

Today

9:00 am-Faith and Fellowship

10:10 am-Traditional Worship

Worship Leader: Rev. Phil Hodson

Sat., October 10

9:00-11:00 am-Clothing Closet Open

Sun., October 11

9:00 am-Faith and Fellowship

10:10 am-Traditional Worship

Worship Leader: Christy Shinn

LOOKING AHEAD:

*Eucc CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, October 25 following worship

*FALL FESTIVAL/TRUNK OR TREAT, October 25 from 4-6 pm

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship 10:10 a.m.