



NORTHSIDE CHURCH

A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

Grace Notes: Holy Communion

October 4, 2026



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

There is a place for you at Northside Church to know the love of God,
to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ, and to go into the world to serve others.

† Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol,
and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE PRELUDE | Holy, Holy, Holy | *arr. Dave Howland*

Susan Schreer Davis, flute
& Joshua McClure, piano

THE WELCOME

Rev. Catherine Boothe Olson

THE CHORAL INTROIT | Let Heavenly Music Fill this Place | *Gordon Young*

Chancel Choir

Let heavenly music fill this place
and all the harmonies of heaven be heard;
Let one grand song of praise resound, one alleluia!

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Boothe Olson

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Pastor: Before we know to seek God, God seeks us.
People: **We give thanks for the grace that goes before us.**
Pastor: Christ offers himself for the salvation of the world.
People: **We give thanks for the grace that saves us.**
Pastor: At the table, Christ feeds and strengthens us.
People: **We give thanks for the grace that makes us holy.**
Pastor: So come to the table with open hearts.
People: **We come hungry for God's grace. Come, let us worship the God
who meets us in the bread and wine. Praise be to God! Amen.**

† THE HYMN OF ADORATION | #64: all stanzas | Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

† THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed

Nathan Schreer

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick 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.**

† THE GLORIA PATRI | Hymn #70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

† THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Boothe Olson

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

THE CHILDREN'S OFFERING OF PRAISE | Communion Song of Thanks and Praise | 11:15AM

K-2nd Choir;
Ellen LeSaicherre, director

Refrain: We praise you, we bless you, we give you thanks, O Lord!

We praise you, we bless you, we give you thanks, O Lord!

Thank you for the Bread of Life and the Blessing Cup.

Thank you for the gift you are! *Refrain*

Thank you for our families and our friends!

Thank you for the gifts they are! *Refrain*

Thank you for your love, Lord, and your light!

Let it shine within our hearts! *Refrain*

—Carey Landry

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT | 11:15AM

Nancy Jeanne Chadwick

We invite all children to come to the chancel steps for a special message.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM | 11:15AM

Dr. Bill Burch

Henry Weiland

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | 11:15AM

Nathan Schreer

**With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ,
that [name], surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith,
and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

THE BAPTISM RESPONSE | Hymn #611: stanza 1 | Child of Blessing, Child of Promise | 11:15AM

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign.
With this water God has sealed you, unto love and grace divine.**

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Rev. Boothe Olson

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THE OFFERTORY | O Church of God, United | *arr. John Purifoy*

Chancel Choir

O church of God, united to serve one common Lord,
proclaim to all one message, with hearts in glad accord.

Christ ever goes before us; we follow day by day
with strong and eager footsteps along the upward way.

Though creeds and tongues may differ, they speak, O Christ, of thee;
and in thy loving spirit we shall one people be.

Lord, may our faithful service and singleness of aim
proclaim to all the power of thy redeeming name.

May thy great prayer be answered that we may all be one,
close bound, by love united in thee, God's blessed Son:
to bring a single witness, to make the pathway bright,
that souls which search in darkness may find the one true light.

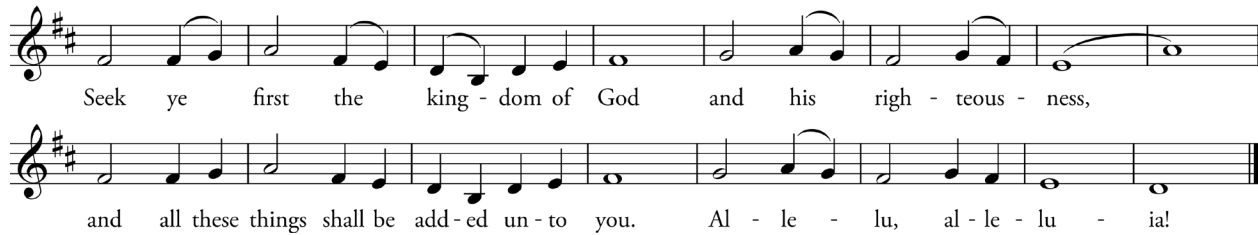
† THE DOXOLOGY | Hymn #95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Boothe Olson

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION | #405: stanza 1 | Seek Ye First



THE SCRIPTURE | 1 Corinthians 11:23–26 | Pew Bible, pg. 1635

Dr. Burch

Pastor: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON | “Grace Notes: Holy Communion”

Dr. Burch

THE INVITATION

Dr. Burch

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.

THE SONG OF INVITATION | A Communion Invitation | Craig Courtney

Greg Hucks, soloist

Come, if you are lonely, My door is open wide.
All of you are welcome, come and step inside.
Enter with My blessing; no one is denied.
Come, sit at My table, come, sit by My side.

THE CONFESSION AND PARDON

Rev. Boothe Olson

Pastor: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

People: **Merciful God,**
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

People: **Glory to God. Amen.**

THE HYMN OF APPROACH | #357: stanzas 1 & 5 | Just As I Am, Without One Plea



Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come par - don, cleanse, re - lieve;
 and that thou bidst me come to thee, O lamb of God, I come, I come.
 be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve, O lamb of God, I come, I come.

THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

Dr. Burch

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

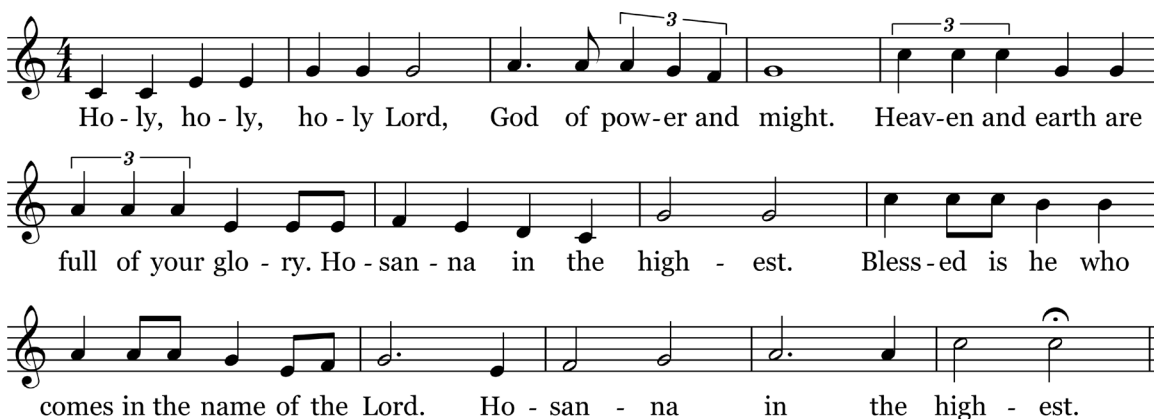
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
 always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
 Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
 And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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.

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
 By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
 you gave birth to your Church,
 delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
 and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
 Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
 gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body
 which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
 gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
 "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
 poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



THE PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Burch

**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, forever. Amen.**

THE CHORAL REFLECTION | Break Now the Bread of Life

Chancel Choir

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
As thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;
my spirit pants for thee, O Living Word!

THE INSTRUCTIONS TO HOLY COMMUNION

Dr. Burch

Today, we celebrate Communion. When directed, walk down the center aisle to receive the elements. We will serve by intinction, which means you will be handed bread and dip it in juice. You are then invited to pray at the altar rail or at your seat. If you are not able to come forward, please let a Sunday Servant know so that the elements may be brought to you.

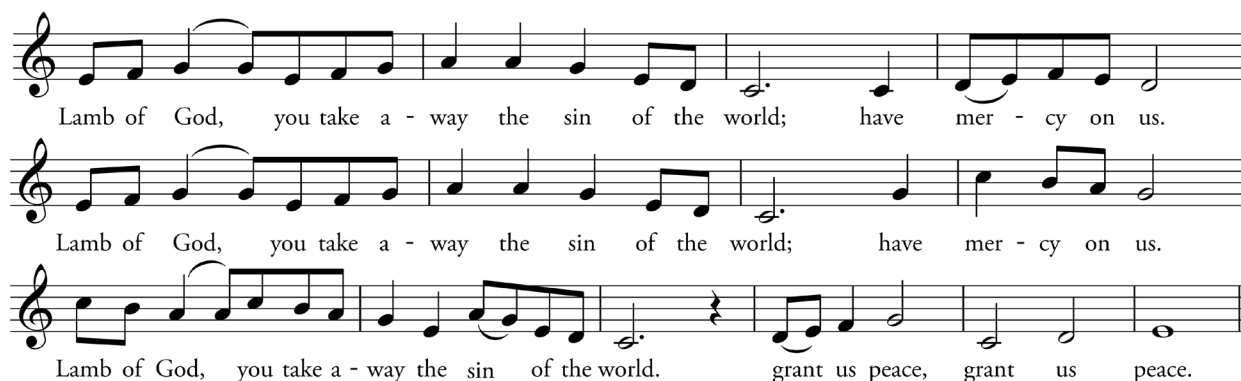
The Communion table is open to all. There is also a gluten-free option available. Any money that is left on the altar rail during Communion will go to people experiencing financial need.

The Lord's Supper is a holy meal of bread and juice that symbolizes the body and blood of Christ. By sharing this meal, we give thanks for Jesus' sacrifice for our sins, we recall the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and we celebrate the unity of all the members of God's family.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

THE COMMUNION MUSIC | Lamb of God

Please join in singing "Lamb of God" as we prepare our hearts to receive Holy Communion.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. grant us peace, grant us peace.

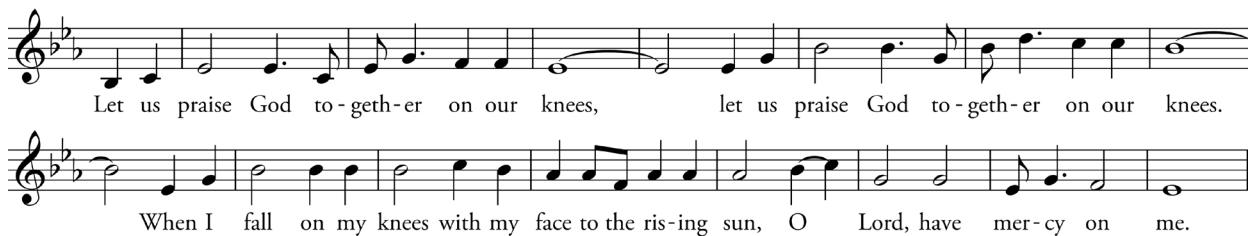
THE COMMUNION ANTHEM | Let Us Break Bread Together | *arr. Craig Courtney*

Chancel Choir

Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees, on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees, on our knees;
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

† THE COMMUNION HYMN | #618: stanza 3 | Let Us Break Bread Together



Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees, let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris - ing sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

† THE BENEDICTION

8:30AM | Rev. Boothe Olson
11:15AM | Dr. Burch

† THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | #369: refrain | Blessed Assurance

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

THE POSTLUDE | Holy Manna | *Sondra K. Tucker*

Susan Schreer Davis, flute
& Joshua McClure, organ

The flowers on the altar and baptismal font are given to the Glory of God:

In honor of Henry Weiland Holmes' baptism, by his grandparents, Sam and Lara Holmes.

CLERGY

Dr. Bill Burch, *Senior Pastor* • Rev. Catherine Boothe Olson, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Angela House, *Associate Pastor* • Rev. Dana Ezell, *Associate Pastor*

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