



October 11, 2026
20th Sunday after Pentecost

Leading Worship Today:

Preacher: Brian Entz

Lay Leader: Kellie Johnson

Accompanist: Ralph Johansen

*Please read along with all **Bold** text
All are invited to stand when there is an **

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PRELUDE

Pastorale

Percy Whitlock

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Without community, there is no liberation, only the most vulnerable and temporary armistice between an individual and her oppression. -Audre Lorde

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. - Habakkuk 2:20

CHORAL INTROIT

GATHERING

Sing Praise

Patterson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 106

Praise the LORD!

Give thanks to the LORD because God is good,
because God's faithful love endures forever.

Who could possibly repeat all of the LORD's mighty acts
or publicly recount all God's praise?

**The people who uphold justice,
who always do what is right, are truly happy!**

***OPENING HYMN**

#645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Scripture tells us that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Trusting in the abundant mercy of God let us confess our sin.

Holy God, our Good Shepherd, by your love you make a way for us through sin, death, and evil into life, righteousness, and peace. Forgive us for the times where we refuse to follow you; following instead other masters and guides, remaining in the comfortable familiarity of where we are, and following our ideas of you instead of the fullness of who you are. Forgive us for the ways our divergence from your way has harmed others, neglected those in need, and separated us from you. Turn our minds towards the knowledge of you, tune our hearts

towards your loving presence, and renew our wills in the way of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. In his name we pray, Amen.

As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters your sins are forgiven and you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, receive the good news, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Alleluia, Amen!

***RESPONSE**

#581 The Gloria Patri

**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.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Therefore, since we have been made righteous through Christ's faithfulness, we have peace with God. Let us also share peace with one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*The people may exchange with their neighbors, by words or gesture,
signs of peace and reconciliation.*

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, the Holy Spirit, guide our reading and our understanding of your Word read and proclaimed, that we might better know and follow Jesus, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 106:1-6

Praise the LORD!

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

²Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD
or declare all his praise?

³Happy are those who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times.

⁴Remember us, O LORD, when you show favor to your people;
help us when you deliver them,

⁵that we may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,
that we may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,
that we may glory in your heritage.

⁶ Both we and our ancestors have sinned;
we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.
¹⁹ They made a calf at Horeb
and worshiped a cast image.
²⁰ They exchanged the glory of God
for the image of an ox that eats grass.
²¹ They forgot God, their Savior,
who had done great things in Egypt,
²² wondrous works in the land of Ham,
and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.
²³ Therefore he said he would destroy them—
had not Moses, his chosen one,
stood in the breach before him,
to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

#824 There Is a Place of Quiet Rest

THIRD READING

Philippians 4:1-9

¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, siblings, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Pastor Brian Entz

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

Look at the World

Rutter



*“Let us present ourselves to God
as those who have been delivered from death to life.”
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*DOXOLOGY

#606 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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

*OFFERING PRAYER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Theological Declaration of Barmen (May 1934)

As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords—areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gracious and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good, we praise you for your mercies, for your goodness that has created us, your grace that has sustained us, your discipline that has corrected us, your patience that has borne with us, and your love that has redeemed us. Help us to love you, to love our neighbors and our enemies, and to be thankful for all your gifts by serving you and delighting to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Sovereign Lord.

Loving God, you cause rain to fall on the just and the unjust.

Hear our prayers for your church and world:

for the hungry and the overfed,

may we all have enough;

for the oppressed and the oppressors,

may we pursue justice and equity wisely;

for the peacemakers and the warmongers,

may clear truth and stern love lead us to just harmony;

for the silenced and the propagandists,

may we speak our own words in truth and hold space for others to speak truth;

for the unemployed and the overworked,

may all have work that is kind, life giving, and creative;

for the doubters and the certain,

may we find our trust in you;

for those experiencing homelessness and those who are pampered,

may we all have homes that are simple, warm, and welcoming;

for the sick and the healthy,

may we care for one another with love and compassion;

for the vibrant and the dying,

may we all remember the gracious truth, that in life and in death we belong to you.

Let us lift up those in our congregation and community in need of healing, support, and care...

Eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and on earth, accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Sovereign Lord. In his name we join our voices, using whatever words we know, to pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Now as Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

People: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BLESSING SONG

#748 Go with Us, Lord

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary on 'Festal Song'

Daniel Berghout

Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus

WORSHIP NOTES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Meal: Please join us for our community meal! We will be serving tator tot hotdish, green beans, breadsticks, and apple spice cake with caramel drizzle. Please sign up to volunteer outside the office.

Date: October 31st

Time: 5pm - 6:30pm

16th Annual Craft Sale: Attention all bakers and shoppers! Only a month until our Craft Sale. For those who are baking, we hope to have many cookies, bars, breads, snack mixes and candy to offer for the sale. All proceeds go to support Mission Projects, several of them local organizations. Thank you for sharing your talents and support!

Date: November 7th

Time: 9am - 3pm

Immigration Aid Collection: Thank you for your on-going support for our immigrant neighbors. Now, we have an opportunity to support our neighbors who are able to return to work, but are in need of assistance with food. We are looking for **donations of vegetable / cooking oil and Maseca corn flour**. Donations can be dropped off in the bin outside Fellowship Hall. Thank you for being a blessing to so many in our community!

Today October 11	9:30am: Worship 10:30am: CCC: Overview of General Assembly w/Pastor Brian
Monday October 12	5:00pm: Fellowship Committee
Tuesday October 13	9:00am: Crafty Ladies 9:00am: Guy's Breakfast

	1:00pm: Finance Committee 5:00pm: Missions Committee
Wednesday October 14	7:00pm: Choir Rehearsal
Thursday October 15	7:30am: People of Faith 10:00am: Women of Faith 5:30pm: Racial Justice Reading Group
Sunday October 18	9:30am: Worship 10:30am: CCC: Pat Olsen Leading 11:30am: Faith Formation Committee

How Can We Pray for You?

Scan the QR code to submit prayer requests:



Along with the blue prayer request cards found in the pews you can also submit prayer requests on the BPC website. Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to be taken directly to the prayer request form. All prayer requests go directly to Pastor Brian.

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BPC Prayer List:

- Rich Dahl
- Christy Wood
- Dennis Stanley, fighting cancer
- Anne Marie Wille, Bonnie Morek's daughter
- Lois Lindstrom
- Madree
- Jim, Elaine Thole's brother, following a diagnosis
- Donna, a friend of Lana Kopplin, who has cancer
- Shannon, Virginia's former daughter-in-law
- Erva Hance
- Barb and Tom Stone
- Rochelle Tandrian, Angela's daughter
- Brittany Daniels
- John and Charlotte Collins
- Cassie & Bryce Miller, grandson of Lanny and Shirley Taylor
- Louise Markve

- Don Eddy
- Joseph Wille, Bonnie Morek's grandson
- Windi Willette
- Tony
- Allen, father of Jennifer Glauvitz
- The Grady Family (friends of Theresa) upon the loss of their father
- Dennis, Kate, Alicia, & Dan Vanderheiden (Del's family)
- Gloria & Daniel Elliott (Bonnie Moreks brother brother and his wife)
- Nancy Grittmann
- Sandy Anderson and family following Steve Anderson's death
- Marcy, Peggy Hunter's sister-in-law
- James Doth
- Jessica Lundgren

645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil-some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

THANKSGIVING

mur-mur stilled:
all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
cho - sen band:
take your part:

The image shows a musical score for a Thanksgiving song. It consists of two staves, a treble staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written between the staves. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with chords and single notes.

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest 824

Near to the Heart of God



1 There is a place of qui - et rest, near to the heart of God,
 2 There is a place of com - fort sweet, near to the heart of God,
 3 There is a place of full re - lease, near to the heart of God,



a place where sin can - not mo - lest, near to the heart of God.
 a place where we our Sav - ior meet, near to the heart of God.
 a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

Refrain



O Je - sus, blest Re - deem - er, sent from the heart of God,



hold us, who wait be - fore thee, near to the heart of God.

A Presbyterian campus pastor and choir director in Missouri wrote this simple but moving hymn in response to the death of two young nieces from diphtheria. By distilling such personal grief into the shared assurances of faith, these words have brought comfort to many.

Go with Us, Lord

748

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and

ev - ery com - ing day, that in your Spir - it

strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

**May be sung as a canon.*

This very accessible sung prayer was created by the director of children's ministry at the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC, for use by their children's choir, but it is suitable for people of all ages. The familiar tune makes it easy to learn and to memorize.