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World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 4, 2026

LOVE FIRST, LOVE ALL

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WI-FI



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We have several traditions within our service during which physical contact—shaking hands, joining hands, handing an item—may be an option. If, for any reason, you are uncomfortable with this kind of contact, feel free to refrain from participating. Know that our congregation is respectful and recognizes that our members and guests have different needs and comfort levels. We seek to be a “Non-Judgement Zone.”

Announcements

• Every year on the first Sunday in October, Christians around the globe celebrate **World Communion Sunday**. It is a day to remember that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and that every Christian Church and any denomination that promotes Christian unity are one. On this day, people draw faith and inspiration from seeing that they are part of a community that boasts millions of believers and worshipers.

• Great news! The Elder Nominating Committee is pleased to present a slate of nominees to the congregation for its consideration in electing the 2029 Class of Elders for our church. A **congregational meeting** is called today, near the end of Worship, for the purpose of electing three elders. Nominations are accepted from the floor today with the understanding that permission of the nominee has been obtained.

• This spring, our congregation will have the opportunity to participate in a **church-wide retreat** in Montreat, NC, the weekend of April 30 - May 2. We will be staying adjacent to the Montreat Conference Center property in the William Black Lodge, giving us access to all the beauty that Montreat has to offer. The Lodge has available rooms to accommodate individuals, roommates, couples, and families with children. However, time is of the essence. Registration forms can be found in the Commons. Please return your completed form to the church office, along with a \$100 deposit per room or family earmarked as “Church Retreat” as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you all in Montreat!

Announcements are continued in the back of the bulletin.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

THE GREETING

At the sound of the bells, please prepare your heart and mind for worship.

INTROIT

Lead me, Lord, in Thy Righteousness
Samuel Sebastian Wesley
(1810-1876)

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness,
Make Thy way plain before my face.
For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, only,
That makest me dwell in safety.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 19)
Laura Allgood

The heavens declare the glory of God!
The skies proclaim God's handiwork.
The day pronounces God's glory without a sound,
the night expounds God's knowledge without a word,
and yet their voice goes out through all the earth.
Let us join our voices with the voice of creation in declaring God's glory!

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Creator God, the heavens radiate your glory! You have set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a joyful bridegroom from his wedding canopy. May we emerge from night's waiting with such rampant joy that we too radiate your glory throughout this day. In the name of the Son of Righteousness who has risen with healing in his wings. Amen.

*HYMN 53

O God, Who Gives Us Life
Noel

CALL TO CONFESSION

*Where you see this notation, please rise in body or in spirit.

Hymn 53 Note:
Christians often fail to appreciate how much we can learn about God from the Hebrew Scriptures. This text draws on a variety of passages that call attention to God's faithfulness toward the Chosen People and the promise of a new covenant written on the heart (Jeremiah 31:31–34).

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

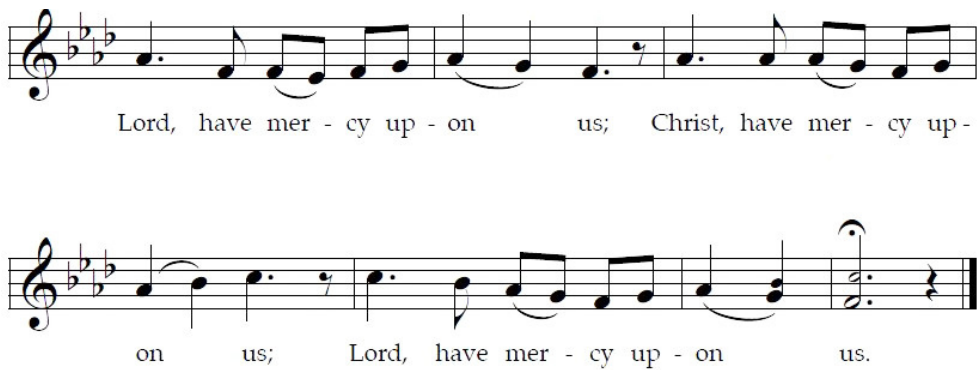
Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill. You cleared away the stones, planted us with choice vines, and kept watch over us by night and day. But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expected or desired. We are overgrown with sin, choked with violence and injustice.

Forgive us, we pray. Uproot our evil, prune away our sin, and shower upon us the gift of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Kyrie Eleison



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

S Selvidge Street



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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Jesus Loves Me!

William B. Bradbury

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 5:1-2, 5-6

NRSVUE

¹ I will sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded rotten grapes.

5 And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis
(1505-1585)

*If ye love me, keep my commandments,
And I will pray the Father,
And he shall give you another comforter,
That he may bide with you forever,
E'en the spirit of truth.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 21:33-44

NRSVUE

³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:
‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?”

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Sharing the Produce”

Rev. Nicole Jiskoot

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 515

I Come with Joy

Dove of Peace

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“Apostles’ Creed”

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 515 Note:
This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord’s Supper. Each of us enters as an “I” and leaves as part of “we.” The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

THE OFFERING & RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

Please place this week's page of the Friendship Register in the plate, along with your tithes and offerings, so that we may keep you informed about the life and ministry of this community of faith.

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OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

**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.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls... I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

예수께서 말씀하시되, "수고하고 무거운 짐을 진 자들아 다 내게로 오라 내가 너희를 쉬게 하리라. 나는 마음이 온유하고 겸손하니 나의 멍에를 메고 내게 배우라 그리하면 너희 마음이 쉼을 얻으리니... 나는 생명의 떡이니 내게 오는 자는 결코 주리지 않을 터이요, 나를 믿는 자는 영원히 목마르지 아니하리라.

Korean spoken by Hye Jeong Kwon

Yesu-kkeseo malsseumhasidoe, "Sugohago mugeoun jimeul jin jadeura da naegero ora naega neohuireul swige harioera. Naneun maeumi onyuhago gyeomsonhani nau myeonge-reul mego naege baeura geureomyeon neoui maeumi swimeul codeuri-ni... Naneun saengmyeong-ui ppangini naege oneun janeun gyeolko jujiji aneul te-iyoo, nareul midneun janeun yeongwonhi mokmareuji anihari-ra.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Offering Note:

Copy and paste the link under the Offering onto your browser to easily submit your online offering or scan the QR code below.



Blessed are You, God, faithful and strong. All Your works, the height and depth, echo the silent music of Your praise. In the beginning Your Word summoned light, night withdrew, and creation dawned. Then, as if ages had passed unseen, waters gathered on the face of the earth and life appeared. When at last the days had ripened and the earth was grown full in abundance, You created in Your image man and woman, the stewards of all creation. You gave us breath and speech, that all the living might find a voice to sing Your praise, and to celebrate the creation You made and called good:

Bendito eres Tú, Dios, fiel y fuerte. Todas Tus obras, lo alto y lo profundo, resuenan con la música silenciosa de Tu alabanza. En el principio Tu Palabra convocó la luz, la noche se retiró, y la creación amaneció. Entonces, como si los siglos hubieran pasado sin ser vistos, las aguas se reunieron sobre la faz de la tierra y apareció la vida. Cuando finalmente los días maduraron y la tierra se llenó de abundancia, creaste a tu imagen al hombre y a la mujer, los administradores de toda la creación. Nos diste aliento y palabra, para que todos los seres vivientes pudieran encontrar una voz para cantar Tu alabanza y para celebrar la creación que hiciste y llamaste buena:

Spanish spoken by Verutzka Soza

Holy, Holy, Holy *Land of Rest*
(All sing together)

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All-holy God, how wonderful is the work of Your hands! Because sin rose up to leave a fault-line, even in the earth, You stepped forward to enter into a covenant of peace that can renew the whole creation. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, as a father joyfully welcomes his own, You embraced a people as Yours, filling them with a longing for peace that will last, a justice that will never fail. Through countless generations Your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them You raised up Jesus, Your Son, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers are satisfied. He healed the sick, though He Himself would suffer; He offered life to sinners, though death would hunt Him down.

至圣的上帝，你手所造的一切，是何等奇妙！因为罪恶兴起，连大地都留下了裂痕；你却迈出步伐，与我们订立和平的约，使整个受造界得以更新。正如母亲温柔地聚拢自己的儿女，正如父亲喜悦地迎接自己的孩子，你拥抱一个民族归属于你，使他们心中充满对持久和平的渴望，以及对永不落空之公义的渴求。历经无数世代，你的子民一直饥渴地盼望着自由的饼。你从他们中间兴起耶稣，你的圣子一生命的粮；在他里面，古老的饥渴得到了满足。他医治病人，虽然他自己将要受苦；他将生命赐给罪人，虽然死亡正追猎着他。

Mandarin spoken by Daniel Kim

Zhì shèng de Shàng dì, nǐ shǒu suǒ zào de yī qiè, shì hé děng qí miào! Yīn wèi zuì è xīng qǐ, lián dà dì dōu liú xià le liè hén; nǐ què mài chū bù fá, yǔ wǒ men dì lì hé píng de yuē, shǐ zhèng gè shòu zào jiè dé yǐ gēng xīn. Zhèng rú mǔ qīn wēn róu de jù lǒng zì jǐ de ér nǚ, zhèng rú fù qīn xǐ yuè de yíng jiē zì jǐ de hái zi, nǐ yōng bào yī gè mín zú guī shǔ yú nǐ, shǐ tā men xīn zhōng chōng mǎn duì chí jiǔ hé píng de kě wàng, yǐ jí duì yǒng bù luò kōng zhī gōng yì de kě qiú. Lì jīng wú shù shì dài, nǐ de zǐ mín yī zhī jī kě de pàn wàng zhe zì yóu de bǐng. Nǐ cóng tā men zhōng jiān xīng qǐ Yē sū, nǐ de shèng zǐ——shēng mìng de liáng; zài tā lǐ miàn, gǔ lǎo de jī kě dé dào le mǎn zú. Tā yī zhì bìng rén, suī rán tā zì jǐ jiāng yào shòu kǔ; tā jiāng shēng mìng cì gěi zuì rén, suī rán sǐ wáng zhèng zhuī liè zhe tā.

But with a love stronger than death, He opened wide His arms and surrendered His spirit. Eternal God, let Your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine that we may have communion in the body and blood of Christ, that we may become one in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Doch mit einer Liebe, die stärker ist als der Tod, breitete er seine Arme weit aus und gab seinen Geist hin. Ewiger Gott, lass deinen Heiligen Geist in seiner Kraft über uns und über diese irdischen Gaben von Brot und Wein kommen, damit wir Gemeinschaft haben am Leib und Blut Christi und eins werden in Jesus Christus, in dessen Namen wir beten. Amen.

German spoken by Lucy O’Gwin

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION

We invite you to come forward for communion via the nearest accessible main aisle and return to your seat the way you came. Communion is served by intinction. Take a piece of bread held by one elder, dip it in the cup held by another, and then, “Taste and see that the Lord is good.” Gluten-free elements are available from the left aisle.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 321

The Church’s One Foundation

Aurelia

Hymn 321 Note:

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles’ Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

Upcoming
Events

Sunday, October 4

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

Congregational Meeting

11:30 a.m.

Music Recital

3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 6

Saturday Sacks

10:30 a.m.

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 7

Ladies Luncheon

11:30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 8

Knitting Group

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 9

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 11

Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.

Worship

10:30 a.m.

Lemonade on the Lawn

& Baby Shower

11:30 a.m.

Monday, October 12

Lunch Bunch

noon

Tuesday, October 13

Grateful Heart AA Mtg

8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 14

Choir Rehearsal

6:00-8:00 p.m.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Traditional

God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

*POSTLUDE

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flower Guild
10/04	Laura Allgood	Henry & Julie Tharpe	Margaret Venable
10/11	Rob Lively	The O’Gwin Family	Laura Allgood
10/18	Walter Jones	Margaret Venable & Kathryn Sellers	Kathryn Sellers

MONTHLY

Communion (October 4 - World Communion Sunday)		Congregational Care		Little Free Pantry Pal	
Prep	Jean Lowrey	September	Bobbie Anderson	September	Walter & Jeane Jones
Servers	Rev. Nicole Jiskoot, Rob Lively, Steve Farrow & James Hoskins	October	Annelle Hogshead	October	Kathryn Sellers & Laura Allgood

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Date	Joy Makers (PreK- 3 rd)	Faith Builders (4 th - 5 th)	Youth (6 th - 8 th)	Adult
10/04	Alice Ensley & Tate/Katie O’Gwin	Grace Johnson & Kayte Crocker	Rob & Michelle Lively	Rev. Nicole Jiskoot
10/11	Youth Connect Service Project	Youth Connect Service Project	Rob & Michille Lively	Hilliard Jolly
10/18	Jeff & Leanna Granillo	Jean Lowrey & Priscilla Brown	Rev. Nicole Jiskoot & Grace Johnson	Beverly Higdon

Announcements continued...

- Join us for our **Ladies’ Luncheon** on Wednesday, October 7, at 11:30 a.m. at Baja Coop. This is a great opportunity for the women of our church to fellowship as we break bread together. We meet at a different venue on the first Wednesday of every month, so make this part of your regular routine as we tour the town like the great “foodies” we are! Please contact Julie Tharpe at if you plan to attend this time around, and we’ll see you there!
- The Congregational Life Team is hosting a **baby shower** for Hye Jeong and Daniel in conjunction with **Lemonade On The Lawn** (with sidewalk chalk) on Sunday, October 11, following Worship. If you would like to contribute to a gift from the congregation you can either put a check in the offering plate or mail to the church office earmarked “baby shower”.

PRAYERS

For Family and Friends of Those Who Joined the Church Triumphant:

Jean Strain;
Muriel Phillips;
John Law;
Anne Sims;
Stan Cranford;
Charles Allgood;
Wayne Alderman;

For Healing, Comfort, and Ongoing Concerns for our Members:

Bjorn Jiskoot;
Peggy Rollins;
Sue Spivey;
Walter Jones;
Nancy Rhine;

For Family and Friends of the Following Members:

Nicole Jiskoot, Jon Ballast and family;
Leanna Granillo, Robert Stromberg;
Mary Ellen Gurley, Dusty Eggleston and family; Tommy Brooks and family;
Janice Sims, Sharon and Debbie Bragg, Rodger and Brenda Boswell, Patsy Townsend; the family of
Karen Vaught; the family of Flosy Beard;
Kaye Clark, Becky Hansberry;
Kathy Bridges and Sue Spivey, Emily Bringardner;

For the Larger Community and the World:

Pete Wilson;
Arden Brown;
Those affected by climate disasters;
Peace in Iran, Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine;
The victims and families of victims of substance abuse;
The victims of gun violence;
Caregivers and aging parents.

Praises and Continuing Prayers:

For expectant mothers: Hye Jeong Kwon, Lucy Partain Brown and Emma Ensley;
For all our members and visitors, we offer our thanks to God.



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