

October 4, 2026
Time after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
The Reverend Jeff Pullium

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

**All who are able, standing*

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

After the gathering, a bell will ring to signal the beginning of worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Alla Siciliana and Presto (from Organ Concerto No. 5 in F)

George Frideric Handel

* HYMN

67 We, Thy People Praise Thee

St. Anthony Chorale

**We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee,
God of every nation!
We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee,
Lord of Hosts eternal!**

**Days of wonder, days of beauty,
days of rapture filled with light
tell thy goodness, tell thy mercies,
tell thy glorious might.**

**We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee,
praise thee evermore!**

**We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee,
God of every nation!
We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee,
Lord of Hosts eternal!**

**For thy blessings, for thy bounty,
joyful songs to thee we sing,
songs of glory, songs of triumph
to our God and King.
We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee,
praise thee evermore!**

**We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee,
praise thee evermore!**

* GREETING

Almighty God,
you have gathered us around Christ's holy table.
We come to feast together
Have mercy on your church, troubled and divided.
Renew us and make us one. Amen.

* OPENING PRAYER

God of all who wander in the wilderness,
you go before us as a beacon and guide.
Lead us through all danger,
sustain us through all desolation
and bring us home to the land
you have prepared for us. Amen.

* ACT OF PRAISE

70 Glory Be to the Father

Meineke

**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.**

STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Judith Goodwin

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Old Testament p. 82

Sung Response: The law of God is just, reviving the soul

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

**yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

In them God has set a tent for the sun,
which comes forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and runs its course with joy like a strong man.

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and there is nothing hid from its heat.**

Sung Response

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;

**The testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the simple;**

the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;

**the commandment of the Lord is pure,
enlightening the eyes;**

the fear of the Lord is clean,
enduring for ever;

**the ordinances of the Lord are true,
and righteous altogether.**

More to be desired are they than gold,
even much finer than gold;

**sweeter also than honey
and drippings from the honeycomb.**

Sung Response

Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can understand one's own errors?

Clear me from hidden faults.

Also keep your servant from the insolent;
let them not have dominion over me!

**Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.**

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

Sung Response

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

* GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:33-46

New Testament p. 29

SERMON

Reverend Jeff Pullium

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

UHM p. 881

**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.**

INVITATION

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.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

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.

(Leader to people) 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!

(People to leader) **In the name of Jesus Christ,**
you are forgiven.

(Leader and People) **Glory to God. Amen.**

* THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

The Heavens are Telling, from *Creation*

Franz Joseph Haydn

* DOXOLOGY

95 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. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH p. 12

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us
he took the 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.

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered us 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 for ever.

Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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 forever. Amen.**

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

All are invited to receive the bread and cup.

Come forward at the direction of our ushers.

You will receive communion by intinction; receive the bread and dip it in the juice.

* HYMN DURING COMMUNION

624 Bread of the World

Eucharistic Hymn

**Bread of the world in mercy broken,
wine of the soul in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose death our sins are dead:**

**Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
look on the tears by sinners shed;
and be thy feast to us the token
that by thy grace our souls are fed.**

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.**

SENDING FORTH

* HYMN

614 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

For the Bread

**For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.**

**By this pledge that you do love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.**

**With our sainted ones in glory
seated at the heavenly board,
may the church that's waiting for you
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.**

**In your service, Lord, defend us,
in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world where you have sent us,
let your kingdom come, O Lord.**

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

* POSTLUDE

Final from organ symphony no. 4

Charles-Marie Widor

Ministry of Worship

Preacher	Reverend Jeff Pullium
Pastor in Charge	Reverend Jenny Anderson
Liturgist	Rebekah Bryant
Lay Reader	Stephanie Quattlebaum
Greeters	Paula Matson, Becky Rogers
Ushers	Chip Matson, Warren Spooner
Acolyte	Robert Thomas
Crucifer	Micah Quattlebaum
Guest Conductor	Corey Grant
Guest Organist	Dan Hardin
Choir	The St. John Choir
Soloists	Courtney Kalbacker, Corey Grant, Jeff Gates
Cantor	Jamal Bogan
Worship Technicians	Donald Tilton, Adam Kuehl
Offering Counter	Mary Ottinger

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Doris Naatz, by her granddaughter, Tonya Currier.

*A rose is placed in the sanctuary today in honor of the birth of Sullivan Jane Drew Gaddy,
born September 22, 2026 to Toree and Sarah Gaddy.*

Sullivan is the granddaughter of Karen Phelps and Steve Oswald, and the great-granddaughter of Becky Rogers.

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Weekly Stewardship	
2026 Budget	\$631,305
Weekly Giving	\$1,973
YTD Giving	\$315,364
YTD Other Income	\$107,257
YTD Expenses	\$460,562
Attendance 9/27	Sanctuary: 94 Online: 60