

Welcome to  
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**Sunday Worship Service**

October 11, 2026 10:30 am

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**OPENING SONG** (*Please remain seated.*)

“Sanctuary”

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
Pure and holy tried and true.  
With thanksgiving,  
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

You have been called to the banquet.

**This is the feast.**

You have been summoned to the wedding.

**This is the feast of life and light.**

From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

**We have come to the banquet that has no end. Alleluia! Amen!**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy God, you set before us every day a bounty of good things. Bring us to your feasting table, hungry for your Word, eager to rebuild the cities you have made, and ready to receive strangers so that we celebrate at all times and in all places the peace which is life in you. Amen.

**\*HYMN #155**

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us come before the throne of God, the mercy seat, with all of our humanity, open to the peace of promised forgiveness.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

You invite us to your feast, O God, and we do not come. You beg us to give thanks for life, and we fail in our thanksgiving. You have made for us a wonderful earth, and we neglect the gift. Forgive us for what we have done and for abandoning the pathway you desire for us. Be our guide and conscience. Turn our feet and hands to your will, that all we do might give glory to you. Amen.

**SILENT REFLECTION**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

The God of peace, who calls all creation to live in unity, hears your plea. In the spirit of feasting and thanksgiving, in the mercy of Almighty God, you are forgiven! For the sake of Christ Jesus, our Savior, who died and rose from the dead to destroy the shroud of despair, rejoice!

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #579**

“Glory Be to the Father”

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

"Be Still, My Soul"  
SLUC Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Your word, O God, is a feast all its own. Let your Holy Spirit open our minds to your call to listen,  
for we know your holy Word heals and reconciles your people. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 32:1-14

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 4:1-9

SERMON

"Yokefellows, be about the work of the good message"  
Rev. Susan Baller-Shepard

***Spiritual Challenge #14:***

Easy Peasy. Invite a friend or acquaintance to worship, to Faith Brews, to Men's Breakfast,  
to Lamplighters, to any event here. We as humans need each other, we need a community  
who cares about us, and we need God's Good News and Living Word.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\*HYMN #428 (Verse 1) "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #310

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

*We will remain seated as we sing.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

\*HYMN #145

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*HYMN #593

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Our tradition is joining hands for our final song. For those who'd prefer not to join hands,  
raising your hands in a prayer or praise position signals this to your neighbor.*

\*POSTLUDE

*Thank you to today's liturgist, Penny Kellogg.*