

Praise Communion

Worship

Sunday, October 11, 2026

10:15am

Order of Worship

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome

Opening Song

"Joy Of The Lord"

Though the tears may fall, my song will rise, my song will rise to You.

Though my heart may fail, my song will rise, my song will rise to You.

While there's breath in my lungs I will praise You, Lord.

In the dead of night, I'll lift my eyes, I'll lift my eyes to You.

When the waters rise, I'll lift my eyes, I'll lift my eyes to You.

While there's hope in this heart I will praise You, Lord.

Chorus:

The joy of the Lord is my strength!

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In the darkness I'll dance, in the shadows I'll sing,

The joy of the Lord is my strength!

When I cannot see You with my eyes, let faith arise to You.

When I cannot feel Your hand in mine, let faith arise to You.

God of mercy and love, I will praise You, Lord.

Oh, You shine with glory, Lord of light; I feel alive with You.

In Your presence now, I come alive; I am alive with You.

There is strength when I say: "I will praise You Lord!" *Chorus Twice*

When sorrow comes my way, You are the shield around me.

Always, You remain, like courage in the fight.

I hear You call my name. Jesus, I am coming,
Walking on the waves, reaching for Your light! *Chorus Twice*

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Invocation

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well

refined.⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.⁹It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Epistle Reading

Philippians 4:4-13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand;⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity.¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need.¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Handbell Music

Praises Ring Handbell Ensemble

Rejoice in the Lord Always"

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice,
Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice!
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice,
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice!
Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice,
Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice!

Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice,
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice!

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Please stand for the Reading of the Holy Gospel.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:1-14

¹And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying,² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son,³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come.⁴ Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.'⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business,⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them.⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.⁸ Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy.⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.'¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.¹¹ But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment.¹² And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless.¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

Children Sing

Children's Message

Song

"How Great Is Our God"

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty.
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide.
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

Chorus:

How great is our God, sing with us.
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God.

And age to age He stands and time is in His hands.
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one Father, Spirit, Son.
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *Chorus*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art! *Chorus*

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The Sermon

Rev. Glenn A. Lucas

Let Us Be Glad and Rejoice in His Salvation"

Isaiah 25:6-9

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 Spirit, born of the

virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Musical Offering

Praises Ring Handbell Ensemble

"Baroque Fanfare"

Jean-Joseph Mouret and arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz

Prayers Of The Church

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 for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Words Of Institution

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is My † blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Distribution Songs

"King Of Kings"

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,
Till from Heaven You came running. There was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

Chorus: **Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings.**

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross.
For even in Your suff'ring, You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died. *Chorus*

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me.

Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings.
Praise forever to the King of Kings.

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"Lamb Of God"

You came from heaven's throne. Acquainted with our sorrow.
To trade the debt we owe. Your suffering for our freedom.

Chorus: The Lamb of God in my place. Your blood poured out my sin erased.
It was my death You died. I am raised to life. Hallelujah the Lamb of God.

My name upon Your heart. My shame upon Your shoulders.
The pow'r of sin undone. The cross for my salvation. *Chorus*

There is no greater love. There is no greater love.
The Savior lifted up. There is no greater love.

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Chorus: The Lamb of God in my place. Your blood poured out my sin erased.
It was my death You died. I am raised to life. Hallelujah the Lamb of God.

Repeat

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The Dismissal

The Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon
you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and †
give you peace.

All: Amen.

Closing Song

"This Changes Everything"

The God of creation took our place;
the God of redemption opened the way.

The day You gave Your life seemed a failure in our eyes;
But the stone; it rolled away, as You walked out of that grave.

Chorus:

Let this place erupt with praise.
Why do you look for the living among the graves?
Jesus lives! All the earth sing out.
The power of death has been broken, and this changes ev'ry thing.

The God of perfection became sin;
the God of salvation changed ev'ry thing.

The day You gave Your life seemed a failure in our eyes;
But the stone; it rolled away, as You walked out of that grave. *Chorus*

Because You live our hope begins. Because You live our song will never end.
Because You live now we can live. This changes ev'rything, this changes
ev'rything.

Because You live our hope begins. Because You live our song will never end.
Because You live now we can live. This changes ev'rything, this changes
ev'rything. *Chorus*

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Flower Arrangements

The flower arrangements which grace our altar this weekend are dedicated to
the glory of the Lord in celebration of the anniversary of **Phil and Joan Ces**.

