

WE GATHER TOGETHER IN WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC *Three Psalm Preludes for Organ*, II Herbert Howells

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CENTERING SILENCE The Rev. Dr. James Butler

* UNISON INTROIT (Hymn 49)
The God of Abraham praise, who watches from above.
The Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love.
The Lord, the great ‘I am,’ by heaven and earth confessed.
We bow before your holy name, forever blessed.

* GREETINGS AND OPENING RESPONSES The Rev. Dr. Arvid Whitmore
May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ rest upon us.
Amen.
Jesus prayed: “Father, may they be as one, as we are one.”
Draw our hearts, O Lord, into one holy communion with the faithful around the world.
For God has shown us what is good and what is required of us:
To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, O Lord.

* HYMN 341 “O God, Show Mercy to Us” THAXTED

* ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Beloved in Christ: God is with us!
We are not alone!

* SONG OF PRAISE
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION

UNISON CONFESSION
God of grace, you have called us to walk in your ways and serve your good purposes.
When we live only for ourselves and turn from the common good, forgive us. When
we seek division rather than unity, forgive us. When we refuse to see your image in

people who are in some way different than ourselves, forgive us, and set us free to do
what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 437)
You are the Lord. Giver of mercy. You are the Christ, giver of mercy.
You are the Lord! Giver of mercy.

WE LISTEN FOR THE LIVING WORD

FIRST LESSON Leviticus 19:33-34 (Pew Bible, O.T. p.107)

ANTHEM *Prayer of St. Francis* M. Searle Wright

Lord make me a channel of thy peace. That where there is hatred, I may bring love. That where
there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness. That where there is discord, I may bring
harmony. Where there is error, I may bring truth. Where there is doubt, I may bring faith.
Where despair, I may bring hope. Where there are shadows, I may bring light. Where there is
sadness, I may bring joy. Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort, than to be comforted.
To understand, than to be understood. To love, than to be loved. For it is by giving that one
receives. It is by self-forgetting one finds. It is by forgiving that one is forgiven. It is by dying
that one awakens unto eternal life.

* GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:31-40 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.29)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SUNG BLESSING (Hymn 378)
That Little Child shall lead us to walk the chosen way.
To share the peaceful kingdom, to greet God’s newborn day.
The Child born in a stable was sent to break our chains.
Shalom for all creation, begins with justice done.

SERMON “What if the Table Were Turned?” Dr. Butler
“When was it, Lord, that we saw you as a stranger and welcomed you?”

WE PRAY AND GIVE THANKS

* HYMN 70 “What Does the Lord Require of You?” MOON

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.

OFFERTORY *Sonata I, Adagio* Felix Mendelssohn

* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *(see insert)*

* HYMN *(see insert)* “O God, by Your Mercy, We Come to This Place” ST. DENIO

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* DEPARTING MUSIC *In Death’s Strong Grasp the Savior Lay* Johann Sebastian Bach
BWV 625

The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.

Our Mission

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship,
service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

Staff

The Rev. Dr. James Butler, Pastor
The Revs. Dr. Steve and Dr. Cinda Gorman, Parish Associates
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

World Communion and
Peacemaking Sunday

October 4, 2026

10 a.m.
