

# WE GATHER TOGETHER

GATHERING MUSIC *Reflection* Michael Helman

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.*

\* OPENING RESPONSES Abraham Roos  
Let us worship in the name of the Triune God and in the peace of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**  
In this is love, not that we loved God first, but that God first loved us.  
**For God sent Jesus into the world so that we might live through him.** (I John 4:9-10)

\* HYMN 667 “When Morning Gilds the Skies” LAUDES DOMINI

\* ACCLAMATION  
Beloved in Christ: God is with us.  
**We are not alone.**

\* PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

\* 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  
Gracious Lord, you know us as we are, and love us still. You welcome us to your feast of spiritual grace and joy, but we decline for many reasons. We hold onto old resentments; we feel superior to some people, and inferior to others; we sometimes

feel we must first earn your mercy by perfect behavior. Help us to see that you have always loved us, even in our most imperfect moments. And help us to believe that you will love us always and will help us to become people who bear your image and likeness in the world, as we follow the pathway of Jesus. 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, Gover of mercy!*

# WE LISTEN FOR THE LIVING WORD

FIRST LESSON Colossians 3:9-14 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.201)

ANTHEM *Prayer of St. Theresa* David Conte  
Let nothing disturb thee, nothing affright thee. All things are passing. God never changeth. Patient endurance attaineth to all things. Who God possesseth in nothing is wanting. Alone God sufficeth.

\* GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22:1-14 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.24)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SUNG BLESSING (Hymn 487, v. 5)  
*Then, Tender God, each child embrace; God give them blessings, grant them grace.*  
*Surprise them, Lord, with wonders still, and gently guide them to your will.*

SERMON “What Does Your Wardrobe Look Like?” Dr. Butler  
“Clothe yourselves with the new self, renewed in the image of our Maker...”

# WE PRAY AND GIVE THANKS

\* HYMN 468 “In My Life” LORD BE GLORIFIED

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.

OFFERTORY *Ceremonial Entry* Léon Boëllmann

\* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\* HYMN 774 “There is Now a New Creation” STUTT GART

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* DEPARTING MUSIC *Praeludium & Fuga in F, BWV 556* Johann Sebastian Bach

*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.

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026

10 a.m.