



NORTHSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BLACKSBURG, VA WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 4, 2026

10:00 am

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*indicates that all who are able are invited to stand.

Bold indicates congregational response.

♪ indicates sung response.

Liturgist for today's worship is Dwayne Kittle.

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

God's love unites all people from around the world into one family. On behalf of the peoples of South and Central America, we say in Spanish, Bienvenidos.

Bienvenidos!

On behalf of the people of Europe, we say in German, Willkommen!

Willkommen!

On behalf of the peoples of Africa, we say in Akan (from Ghana), Akwaaba!

Akwaaba!

On behalf of the peoples of Asia and the Middle East, we say in Farsi, Khosh Amadid!

Khōsh āmadīd!

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases toward all God's creation; God's mercies never come to an end. We celebrate the abundance of God's goodness, and we gather to share in a holy meal with Christians all around the world. On behalf of Jesus Christ, we say to all who come to the table,

Welcome!

HYMN* *"In Christ There Is No East or West"* 318

(This hymn will not be announced)

PRAYER OF PRAISE

CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

Rescuing God, you brought us out of the land of captivity, out of the house of slavery. Forgive us when we willingly return to slavery, making divine the machine of production, crafting idols from the excess of consumption. Forgive us when we deem

our species so central that we do not rest and halt consumption, decimating Earth, denying her Sabbath and integrity. Forgive us through Christ, who redeems us from the brokenness of slavery that we might enjoy your presence, creation, and community.

(silence)

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

[We will extend peace to the world. Then you are invited to exchange signs of peace with one another.]

RESPONSE TO PARDON

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**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

GOSPEL* – Matthew 21:33-46

Dwayne Kittle

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Adult Choir

“Banquet of Love”

OLD TESTAMENT – Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

MEDITATION

Linda Dickerson

“Don’t Let God Speak to Us!”

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE – The Apostles’ Creed, p. 35

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

To God be the glory . . . shamed, yet seeking grace:

God, we yearn for the healing you promise.

God of Justice . . . yet seeking forgiveness:

God, we yearn for the justice you promise.

God of Peace . . . yet seeking a forgiving heart:

God, we yearn for the peace you promise

. . . we come to this communion table to be recreated through the bread and cup, and to be renewed in our faith and commitment.

**God, we submit ourselves to renewal through you,
through Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Loving and gracious God . . .

. . . with many tongues, yet with one voice, we honor you, saying:

♪ 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. Hosanna in the highest.**

(tune: "Land of Rest," begins on p. 552)

For us, Jesus Christ was born . . . Great is the mystery of faith:

**♪ Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again. (repeat)**

. . . we pray in the words Jesus taught, saying,

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.

♪ Amen, Amen . . .

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night . . . God, may this bread connect us more closely with you and with our neighbors near and far.

Bless this bread, we pray.

May this fruit of the vine remind us of the inter-connectedness of people around the world.

Bless this cup, we pray.

*May this simple meal bring us into union with you, your people, and your world, united in the One Body of Christ. **Amen.***

SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP – “Confitemini Domino,” #466

Community

Taizé

We will repeat this until all are served.



Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.



Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu - ia!

PRAYER

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! With thanksgiving, let us celebrate our new life in Christ, giving thanks to God our creator and sustainer.

Loving and gracious God, thank you for this holy meal. Thank you for Jesus and his all-inclusive love for humanity. Thank you for this day in which we worship and serve you. Amen.

HYMN

"Cantai ao Senhor"

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE, 59*

Congregation and Choir

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God's mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
great is your faithfulness, O Lord,
great is your faithfulness.**

FELLOWSHIP TIME

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES