



Havenwood Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

May 10, 2026



The Promise, Stushie Art

The Service of the Lord's Day

Order of Worship

**Please stand if you are able.
Congregation to recite bolded passages.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jenn DiFrancesco

PRELUDE

“Prelude” by Sergei Rachmoninoff

Valerie Adelung

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jenn DiFrancesco

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

The risen Christ does not leave us alone.

Christ promises the Advocate, the Spirit of truth.

The Spirit meets us where we are,

and helps us listen, speak, and live with love.

God is not far from any one of us.

In God, we live and move and have our being.

So come, let us worship the God who draws near,

the Christ who calls us beloved,

and the Spirit who gives us words for the world.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN # 301

“Let Us Build a House”

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Sharon Huber-Plano

Jesus says, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” And still, we know how often our love becomes narrow. We know how often our words become careless. We know how often we speak before we listen or stay silent when love asks us to speak. The good news is that Christ does not abandon us in our failure. The Advocate is with us. God’s mercy meets us in truth. So let us bring our whole selves before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sharon Huber-Plano

God of mercy, You call us to speak good news, but we confess that our words do not always sound like love. Sometimes we speak too quickly. Sometimes we listen too little. Sometimes we assume others should understand us, instead of asking how we might speak so they can hear.

Forgive us for the times we have used faith as a wall instead of a bridge. Forgive us for the times we have confused being right with being faithful. Forgive us for the times we have stayed quiet when love, justice, or mercy needed a voice.

Send Your Spirit among us again. Teach us the language of compassion. Give us courage to speak truth with humility, and help us bear witness to Christ in words and actions that make Your love known. Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jenn DiFrancesco

Hear the promise of Jesus: “I will not leave you orphaned. I am coming to you.” We are not abandoned. We are not left to figure out faith on our own. The Spirit of truth is with us, Christ abides with us, and God’s mercy is already at work among us. Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS # 582

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

*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.*

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Jenn DiFrancesco

May the Peace of Christ be with you.
and also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sharon Huber-Plano

Holy Spirit, You are the Advocate Jesus promised, the presence of God that stays with us. Open our hearts to hear Your Word. Open our minds to understand. Open our mouths to speak with courage and care. May these scriptures meet us where we are, and send us out with love the world can recognize. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

John 14:15-21

Sharon Huber-Plano

“If you love me, you will keep^[a] my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Morning Song” by Barbara Baltzer Kinyon

Valerie Adelung

SCRIPTURE

Acts 17:22-31

Jenn DiFrancesco

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

“Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Speaking So Others Can Hear

Jenn DiFrancesco

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed

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**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 Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontious Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen**

*HYMN # 722

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Jenn DiFrancesco

Paul stood in Athens and started with what was right in front of him. He noticed the people, the city, and the questions they were already carrying. Then he spoke of the God in whom we live, move, and have our being. Our offering is one way we do the same. We give so Christ’s love can be spoken, sung, taught, shared, and lived. Let us bring our gifts to God.

During this time of offering, we can share our financial gifts by placing them in the offering plates as you leave, or giving online.

OFFERTORY

“Little Tunes for Little Ones”
by James Conely

Valerie Adelung

*DOXOLOGY # 710

“We Lift Our Voices”

*We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering; we are an offering.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jenn DiFrancesco

God who is not far from any one of us, take these gifts and use them for Your purpose. Let them carry love to those who feel forgotten. Let them support ministries that listen before they speak. Let them help this church bear witness with humility, faith, and care.

May what we give, and how we live, point toward the risen Christ, who abides with us still. Amen.

*HYMN # 733

“We All Are One in Mission”

*BENEDICTION

Jenn DiFrancesco

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on “Lyons” by Dan R. Edwards

Valerie Adlung

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Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C7 F C F B^b C Dm

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
 F C F Dm7 Gm C

safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
 Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm

how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
 Gm C F B^b

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

THE CHURCH

Refrain

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
 F B^b A7 Dm Gm Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

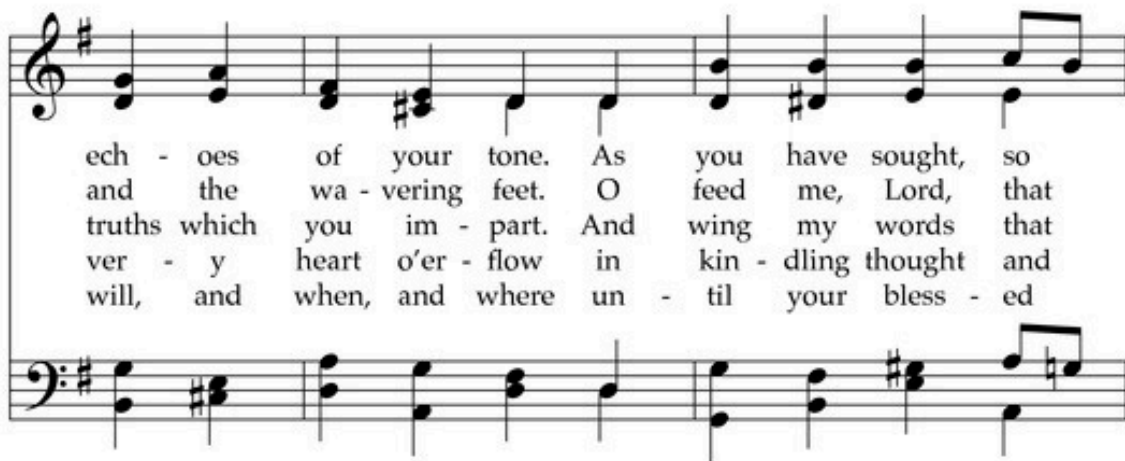
(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
 Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

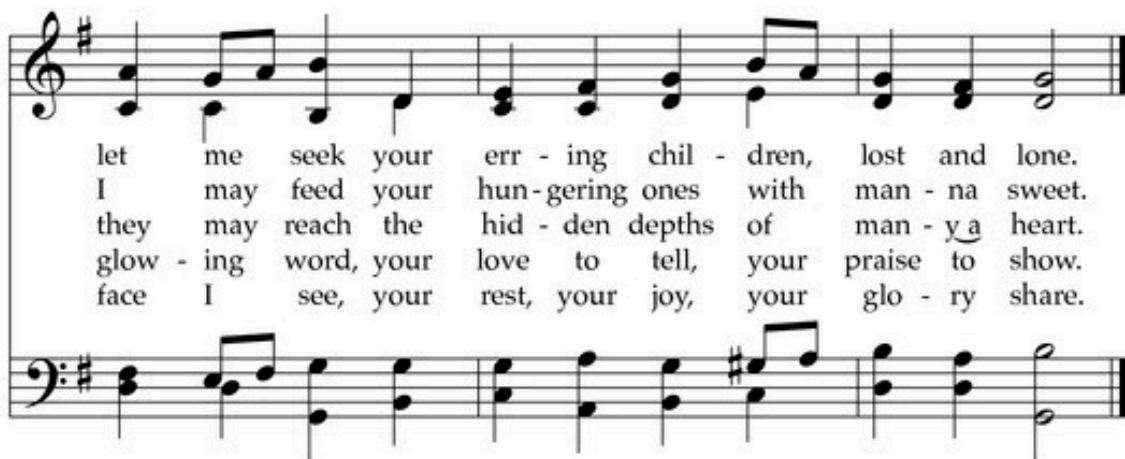
722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

733 We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.