



Havenwood Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

September 6, 2026



MOSES THE BLACK

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

“Aria” by G.F. Handel

Valerie Adelung

CALL TO WORSHIP

John Snead

Come, let us gather in the name of Christ, who calls us into one body.

We come to worship the God whose love will not let us go.

Love is the fulfilling of God's law. Christ calls us to lives marked by mercy, truth, and peace.

We come to learn Christ's way and to walk in it together.

Where two or three are gathered in Christ's name,

Christ is here among us.

Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN # 307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

John Snead

Jesus calls us to love one another and to seek reconciliation. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

John Snead

Merciful God, you call us to love one another, yet we choose resentment instead of reconciliation. You call us to speak truth with humility, yet we judge others more quickly than we examine ourselves. Too often we protect our pride instead of seeking peace, hold tightly to old hurts instead of extending forgiveness, and forget that every person we meet is someone deeply loved by You. Forgive us. Teach us to love as Christ loves. Give us courage to seek reconciliation, humility to receive correction, and grace to offer the mercy we have first received from You. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jenn DiFrancesco

**Hear the Good News. In Jesus Christ, God does not leave us trapped in our failures. We are forgiven. We are made new.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

*CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS # 591

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Jenn DiFrancesco

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

John Snead

Living God, Your Word has the power to awaken, challenge, comfort, and transform. Open our hearts to hear more than familiar words. Give us ears to hear Christ's call, wisdom to receive Your truth, and courage to practice the love You place before us. By Your Holy Spirit, shape us into people who not only hear Your Word, but live it. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 13:8–14

John Snead

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Take My Life (Holiness)”
by Scott Underwood

Valerie Adelung

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:15–20

Jenn DiFrancesco

If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Who Made You the Judge?

Jenn DiFrancesco

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jenn DiFrancesco

Today we have heard Christ call us into the difficult work of loving our neighbors, seeking reconciliation, and resisting the easy path of judgement.

Moses the Black did not become a saint because he was perfect. We remember him because the grace of Jesus Christ reshaped his life, and his life became a witness to what that grace can do.

The faith that sustained Moses is the same faith the church has confessed across centuries and continents. So, with Christians in every time and place, and with the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us, let us stand and confess our faith together.

***THE 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 Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius 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.
I 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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Jenn DiFrancesco

This is not our table. It is Christ's table. Here there is no reward for those who have gotten everything right. There is bread for the hungry, mercy for the weary, and grace for those who know they need it.

Jesus welcomed disciples who misunderstood him, friends who failed him, and strangers who longed for hope. He welcomes us still.

Come, not because you have earned a place, but because Christ has invited you.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Jenn DiFrancesco

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and our greatest joy, to give You thanks and praise, holy God, Creator of heaven and earth.

You created us in Your image and breathed Your life into us. You made us for relationship, calling us to love You and to love one another. When we wandered from Your ways, You did not abandon us. Again and again, You called Your people back through prophets and teachers, through saints known and unknown, into lives marked by justice, mercy, and love.

In the fullness of time, You sent Jesus Christ, who crossed boundaries of fear and hostility, welcomed those who had been cast aside, forgave sinners, restored the broken, and taught us that love fulfills your law.

Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the church on earth and in heaven, and with that great cloud of witnesses who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son, Jesus Christ.

On the night before he gave himself for us, our Lord Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying:

This cup is the new covenant, sealed in my blood, shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering his life, his death, his resurrection, and his promise to come again, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and cup. Make them for us the communion of the body and blood of Christ, that we may be his faithful disciples, united with him and with one another.

As we are nourished at this table, send us into the world to love without fear, to forgive as we have been forgiven, to seek reconciliation, to welcome the stranger, and to bear witness to the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray together the prayer Christ taught us:

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

Jenn DiFrancesco

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jenn DiFrancesco

Gracious God, You have met us at this table and fed us with Your grace. Send us from here ready to love our neighbors, seek reconciliation, and make room for one another. May what we have received here take shape in the way we live with one another. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Jenn DiFrancesco

Everything we have is a gift from God. Fed by grace and nourished at Christ's table, we respond with gratitude, sharing what we have so that Christ's love may take shape in our community and beyond. Let us present our offerings 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

Theme from "A Nocturne"
by Frederic Chopin

Valerie Adelung

*DOXOLOGY # 609

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

praise Him, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jenn DiFrancesco

Gracious God, all that we have comes from Your generous hand. Receive these gifts and receive us as well. Use what we offer to feed those who hunger, welcome those who have been left out, mend what has been broken, and share the good news of Jesus Christ. Teach us to love our neighbors, seek reconciliation, and practice the mercy we have received from You. Amen.

*HYMN # 326

“For All the Saints” (*verses 1 and 4*)

*BENEDICTION

Jenn DiFrancesco

POSTLUDE

“Toccata” in F Major
by Dietrich Buxtehude

Valerie Adelung

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307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.