



October 4, 2026



A Copse, Evening, A.Y. Jackson

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

“Come, Sweet Peace of God” by David Paxton

Valerie Adelung

CALL TO WORSHIP

Judy Binkley

God planted a vineyard and cared for it with love.

God looked for justice and righteousness among the people.

God has gathered us from many places and many lives.

We come to listen, to give thanks, and to be changed.

Across the world today, Christians gather at Christ's table.

There is room for us here, and there is work for us to do.

Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN # 36

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Judy Binkley

The prophet Isaiah tells us that God looked for justice and heard the cry of those who were hurt instead. We need not hide what is true about our lives or our world. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Judy Binkley

God of the vineyard, You have given us more than we could make for ourselves: a world to care for, neighbors to love, and a place among your people. Yet we have treated Your gifts as though they belonged to us alone.

We have enjoyed the fruit of other people's labor without asking whether they were treated fairly. We have looked away from suffering when seeing it would require something of us. We have been quick to defend what is ours and slow to hear those who have been denied what they need.

Forgive us, God. Open our ears to the cries we have learned to ignore. Teach us to share what you have entrusted to us, and help us do the work of justice in the places where we live. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jenn DiFrancesco

**Hear the good news. God does not turn away from us when we tell the truth.
In Jesus Christ, we are met with mercy and called into a new way of life.
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***

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Judy Binkley

God, we can be quick to decide who is at fault in a story. Slow us down. As we hear Isaiah and Jesus today, help us listen for what You are asking of us. Give us the humility to hear it and the courage to respond. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 5:1–7

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I will sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded rotten grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield rotten grapes?

And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a wasteland;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his cherished garden;
he expected justice
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness
but heard a cry!

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“For All Your Saints, O Lord”

Chancel Choir

by Gilbert M. Martin

*For all Your saints, O Lord, who strove in You to live,
Who followed You, obeyed, adored,
our grateful hymn receive, Alleluia!*
*For all Your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
Who counted You their great reward,
accept our thankful cry, Alleluia!*
*They all in life and death, with You, their Lord, in view,
Learned from Your Holy Spirit's breath to suffer and to do.
To God, the Father, Son, and Spirit, ever blest,
The One in Three, the Three in One, be endless praise addressed.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Jenn DiFrancesco

**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

Today, Christians in churches and homes around the world will share bread and the cup. We cannot see one another, and we do not know everything our sisters and brothers are carrying. But we come at Christ's invitation, joined to people whose lives are bound up with ours.

So bring your hunger, your gratitude, and the questions you have about how we should live together. The bread is broken for us. The cup is shared among us. Let us come to the table.

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 made a world in which people could grow food, make homes, and care for one another. You gave your people a place to live and taught them to leave room for the stranger, to protect the poor, and to deal fairly with those who worked the land. When they forgot Your ways, You sent prophets to tell the truth. You heard the cries of people whose lives had been treated as expendable.

In Jesus Christ, You came among us. He ate with those whom others kept at a distance. He challenged those who used their power to take what was not theirs. He gave his life rather than abandon the people he loved. And You raised him from the dead, so that death and violence would not have the final word.

Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with Christians at tables throughout the world, with the saints who have gone before us, and with all creation as we 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. Unite us with Christ and with his church throughout the world.

As we eat this bread, keep us mindful of those who do not have enough to eat. As we share this cup, draw us toward those whose suffering we have been able to overlook. Nourish us for the work You have given us: to seek justice, to practice mercy, and to care for the world that belongs to You.

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

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

Please hold the elements once given so that we may take them together when all have been distributed. Our elements are grape juice and bread. The gluten-free option is available in the white porcelain dish.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Jenn DiFrancesco

God, You have fed us at Christ's table. We have received this meal together, but we will return to different homes, responsibilities, and worries. Stay with us there. Let the bread we have shared make us attentive to our neighbors, and let the grace we have received shape what we do with the gifts in our care. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Jenn DiFrancesco

The earth and all that is in it belong to God. We give from what has been entrusted to us so that the work of this church may continue among our neighbors 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

“Holy, Holy, Holy” (Worship in Any Language)

Olivia Carlton
Becca Petersen
Andrew Koch

*DOXOLOGY # 609

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

praise God, 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

God of the harvest, receive these gifts and the lives we bring with them. Use what we offer to care for our neighbors, support those who are struggling, and strengthen the work of justice and mercy. Keep us honest about what we have, grateful for what we have received, and willing to share. Amen.

*HYMN # 372

“O for a World”

*BENEDICTION

Jenn DiFrancesco

POSTLUDE

“The Glorious Triumph” by Gerald Peterson

Valerie Adelung

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For the Fruit of All Creation 36

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

O for a World

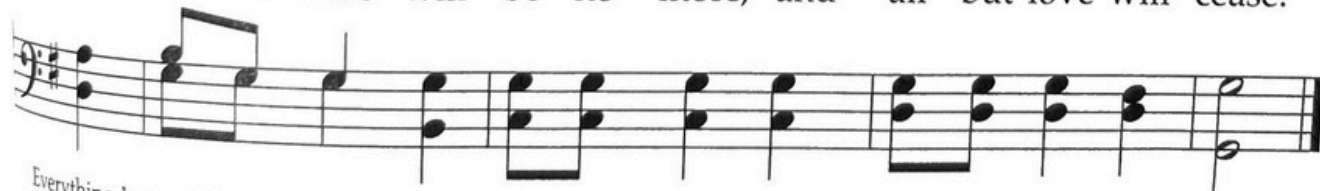
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- 1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
- 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
- 3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
- 4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
- 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
 where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
 that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
 Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
 where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.



Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

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