



Order of Service
October 18, 2026

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Gathering (Candle lighting) Hymn: VU #268 “Bring Many Names” WESTCHASE

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence (he/him)

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Opening Prayer with Land Acknowledgment Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

***Hymn:** VU #256 “O God beyond All Praising” THAXTED

Presentation of Confirmation Class
Christina Lindsay (she/her) & Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

Draco Ramirez (he/it) with Alongsider Chris Fischer (they/them)
Charlotte Lord (she/her) with Alongsider Leah Morise (she/her)
Felix Haas (he/him) with Alongsider Alan Salmoni (he/him)
Amelia MacDougall (she/her) with Alongsider Heather Sidebotham (she/her)

Children leave for Worship & Wonder

Scripture: Exodus 33: 12-23 Draco Ramirez (he/it)
One: A Word of God for all people,
ALL: thanks be to God.

Musical Reflection: “Let All Things Now Living” Arr. Michael Mazzatenta
Laudamus Bells, Richard Frank - director

***Scripture:** Matthew 22: 15-22 Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

Sermon: “Rock of Ages”

***Hymn:** VU #654 “All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded”

MICHAEL

Prayers of the People:

One: Holy God, in your mercy...

ALL: hear our prayer.

Prayer of Jesus: *from the First Nations Translation of the Bible*
(unison)

**O Great Spirit, our Father from above,
we honor your name as sacred and holy.
Bring your good road to us,
where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above
is reflected in the earth below.
Provide for us day by day--
the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon.
The corn, the squash, and the wild rice.
All the things we need for each day.
Release us from the things we have done wrong,
in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us.
Guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your good road,
and set us free from the evil one and his worthless ways.
Aho! May it be so!**

Musical Offering: “I Dreamed of Rain”

Jan Garrett, arr. Larry Nickel

Choir; Soloist: Chris Wood, tenor; Lesley Andrew, conductor; Lynda Kennedy, piano

Gratitude

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

***Hymn:** TLUS #3 “A Whisper from the Universe”

REPTON

Blessing:

**The light of God surrounds us;
The love of God enfolds us;
The power of God protects us;
The presence of God watches over us;
Wherever we are, God is!**

Sending Music: “Toccata”

Gilbert Martin

Paul Merritt (he/him), organ

The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:

Welcoming Ushers: David Flynn, Julie Hay and Larry Niles

Narthex Co-ordinator: Carol Riddell-Elson

Service Support: George Jolink

Tech Team: Robin Neaves, Merran Neville, Jim Silcox, Kathryn Skelly and Chris Wood

Coffee and Conversation: Music Committee

Gift Card Table: Margo Christodoulou and Barb Ridgewell

We thank God for all those who share their gifts and talents.

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