



Order of Service

October 4, 2026 – World Communion Sunday

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Gathering (Candle lighting) Hymn: TLUS #8 “Way Maker” Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu
Ensemble

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence (he/him)

Outreach Moment

Barb Dalrymple (she/her)

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Opening Prayer

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

***Hymn:** VU #460 “All Who Hunger”

HOLY MANNA

Children leave for Worship & Wonder

Scripture: Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Cynthia Simpson (she/her)

One: A Word of God for all people,

ALL: thanks be to God.

Musical Reflection: “Love Has Broken Down the Wall”

Mark Miller

Choir; Soloist: Lesley Andrew, mezzo-soprano

Love has broken down the wall.
Let us join our hearts as one.
Love has broken down the wall.
We're accepted as we are.
Through love's pow'r all is reconciled.
We're accepted as we are.
Cast aside your doubts and fears.
Peace and love, freely offered here;
cast aside your doubts and fears.
We will tear down the walls!
We will tear down every wall!
Love has called us, one and all.
Love has broken down the wall.

***Scripture:** Philippians 3: 4b-14

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

Sermon: “A Table for Everyone”

***Hymn:** VU #477 “I Come with Joy”

DOVE OF PEACE

Prayers of the People:

One: Holy God, in your mercy...

ALL: (Sung Response below, alternating languages)

Sung Response: TLUS #135 “Send Your Peace”

Traditional Palestinian & Lebanese

English, Arabic, Hebrew, English

- 1., 4. Send your peace on our world, God,
you, the creator of peace.
Our hearts fill with peace, God.
You are the source of healing peace.
2. Ya Rab as-salami,
amter alayna_a-salam.
Ya Rab as-salami,
im la' qulubana_as-salam.
3. Adon ha-shalom
Hamter aleynu shalom
Adon ha-shalom
Male 'et lebeynu beshalom.

Prayer of Jesus: TLUS #70 Our Creator in heaven

Jason D. Locke

Sung in unison

Communion

Eucharistic Prayer

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

Sung Acclamation: VU #951” Holy, Holy, Holy”

anon., Argentina; vs. 2 Chris Fischer

1. Holy, holy, holy, my heart,
my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words:
You are holy, God!
2. In God's name is coming
the One whom we call blessed.
Hosanna in the highest!
Praise and thanks to God.

Remembering the Story
Prayer for Transformation

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

Breaking the Bread and Filling the Cup:

One: The bread that we break

ALL: is our sharing in the life of Christ.

One: The cup for which we give thanks

ALL: is our sharing in the life of Christ.

Communion Hymn: TLUS #28 “I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table”

WELCOME TABLE

Prayer after Communion:

For the bread we have eaten, for the grape that we have tasted, for the life we have received, we thank you God. Grant that what we have done and have been given here, may so put its mark on us, that it may remain always in our hearts. Grant that we may grow in love and understanding, and that ours may be lives of faithful action, in Christ’s name. Amen.

***Hymn:** VU #468 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

LINSTEAD

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: “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Joseph Martin

Chris Fischer (they/them), piano

The Leadership in Today’s Service Includes:

Welcoming Ushers: Jan Hendry, Pat Martin and Katherine Wonfor

Narthex Co-ordinator: Carol Riddell-Elson

Service Support: Paul Merritt

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

Coffee and Conversation: None this week

Gift Card Table: David Manness & Barb Ridgewell

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

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