

Order of Worship for October 11, 2026

Gathering

Prayer of Preparation

Merciful God, in Jesus Christ you do not call the righteous,
but sinners to repentance. Draw us away from the easy road
that leads to destruction, and guide us into paths that lead to life abundant,
that in seeking your truth, and obeying your will, we may know
the joy of being a disciple of Jesus Christ our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

Book of Common Worship

Prelude 8:30

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”
Nancy Mayo, organ

arr. Marilyn Thompson

Welcome

Rev. Steve Aeschbacher
Associate Pastor

Praising

Prayer of Invocation

8:30 – Rev. Lynn Packwood, Liturgist
11:00 – Jeremiah Otto, Liturgist

*Call to Worship

—based on John 4:24; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Leader: Let us worship God, who reconciled us
to himself through Christ.

People: **We are new creations; the old has gone,
the new has come!**

Leader: Let us worship God as Christ’s ambassadors.

People: **Through us and through our worship
may we announce the good news to all.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: **Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!**

*Hymn No. 553

“How Great Thou Art”

O STORE GUD

**Please stand, in body or in spirit!*

Confessing

Call to Confession of Faith

Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q and As No. 33, 34, 35, 36

Leader: What is justification?

People: **Justification is an act of God's free grace, by which he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.**

Leader: What is adoption?

People: **Adoption is an act of God's free grace, by which we are received into the number, and have a right to all privileges, of the children of God.**

Leader: What is sanctification?

People: **Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, by which we are renewed in the whole person after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin and live unto righteousness.**

Leader: What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

People: **The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification are: assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit, increase of grace, and perseverance to the end.**

*Confession Response

[tune found at Hymn No. 581]

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory Be to God on High"

HYMN TO JOY

Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory be to God on high!

Alleluia to the Savior, who has gained the victory!

Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!

Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty!

Proclaiming

*Scripture Reading

Titus 3:3-8

Pew Bible, p. 998

*Scripture Response

—Colossians 3:16-17

Leader: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

People: **And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

Sermon Series: We Believe

Message:

"We Believe God Saves"

Rev. Dr. Jim Shultz
Lead Pastor

Responding

*Hymn No. 627

"Just As I Am, without One Plea"

WOODWORTH

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

8:30 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Bach, arr. Michelle Murray
Nancy Mayo, piano

11:00 "Praise the Lord Our God Forever" Mozart, arr. Ehret
Chancel Choir

Praise the Lord our God forever.
Let us rejoice with heart and voice, and sing his praise forevermore.
The Lord in Zion ever reigns and o'er the land his rule he does maintain
O praise, O praise, with joy let all our alleluias ring.
Alleluia, alleluia; sing praise unto the Lord forever.
O praise the Lord forevermore.

*Offertory Response

[tune found at Hymn No. 405]

"To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" ST. ANNE
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The One whom we adore,
Be glory as it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

*Prayer of Dedication

Sending

*Hymn No. 699

"Like a River Glorious" WYE VALLEY

*Benediction

8:30 -- Rev. Dr. Shultz
11:00 -- Rev. Aeschbacher

Postlude 8:30 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Beethoven, arr. Hustad
Nancy Mayo, organ

Flowers today: We are grateful for our two wonderful grandsons,
Bobby and Charlie, and as they grow, we pray they live
by the words of Charlie Kirk who asked daily:
How can I help others? How can I add value? How can I honor God?
—Jane and Dave Ganz
Floral Arranger: Lillian Holden

Bonhomme Mission Partners:

Local:

The Freedom School
The Haven of Grace
Isaiah 58
Oasis International Ministries
One Heart Family Ministries
Restore St. Louis
Samaritan's Purse

International:

Comfort Foundation [Russia]
El Centro Integral [Honduras]
Frontier Foundation
[least-reached peoples]
Todd and Julie Hendry [Brazil]
Anonymous [India]
Daniel and Sarah Puttcamp
[Global Outreach]
Ron and Lisa Redell [Brazil]
RIMI [India]