**Sunday, October 18, 2026**
**Brief Communion**

**Welcome** *Pastor Adam will give announcements and welcome*

****Call to Worship** (*Worship Leader reads Leader and with the People)*

****Good morning, I am Mary Sharp, and will be serving as Worship Leader today. Would you please stand as you are comfortable and able to join me in the responsive Call to Worship?**

**L. We are bound to give thanks to God for all our brothers and sisters in the faith.**

**P. The love of God draws us together, and the gracious deeds of God evoke our praise.**

**L. God chooses us all for salvation, to confirm in us the truth of the gospel.**

**P. In the glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior, we are tied to one another in love.**

**L. God has promised to strengthen us, and we know God is faithful in all things.**

**P. The Spirit of the living God is in our midst, enlivening all we say and do.**

****<u>Will you join us in our opening song</u>, "Help Us Accept Each Other", hymn #560, and the words will be on the screen.**

**Children's Time**

**Community Notes**

**Prayers, the Lord's Prayer and Offering of Gifts**
*(Pastor Adam will first do the prayers, Worship leader will read Offering Invitation & prayer)*

****Invitation: Our giving is invited because we need this discipline as much as programs need our support. Our giving is expected because we cannot truly worship God without giving concrete expression to our gratitude. Our giving is a joy to us because we have known the comfort and strength of a faithful God in whose love we can live confidently in all times and places. This is the high point of our worship.**

****Will you pray with me? We give thanks that you are saving us and leading us to the steadfastness of Christ. To you we dedicate these offerings, that the needy shall not be forgotten or the poor perish for lack of water and food we can provide. May these gifts answer the cries of the afflicted and bring hope to many who seek the blessing of your Spirit. Amen.**

*****Doxology sung together**

****Scripture Reading Psalm 23 NKJV**

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.**

**This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!**

**Message** Ephesians 4:17-32 NRSV -Pastor Adam Woods

**Communion**

**Invitation**

**Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him and seek to grow into his likeness. Let us draw near with faith, make our humble confession, and prepare to receive this Holy Sacrament.**

**Confession & Pardon**

**ALL: We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness, but in your unfailing mercies. We all look to you for food in due season. You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. You are near to all who call on you in truth. You fulfill the desire of those who know your awesome power. Hear our cry and save us.**

**Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ has died for us while we were yet sinners: that is proof of God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**-----Pastor reads The Great Thanksgiving...**

*(The congregation will come forward to receive communion)*

**Communion music** - *Katy to play piano*

**Closing Song** "Take My Life and Let it Be" - On screen

**Blessing for the Week**

**Choral Benediction**

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