

Sunday, August 2, 2026

Communion

Welcome *Pastor Adam will give announcements and welcome*

****Call to Worship** (*Worship Leader read Leader and with People*)

****Good morning, I am Nancy Cooley, 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. This is the hour to bend our knee before God. This is a time to offer our best to our Creator.

P. We gather before God, who sees all our deeds. We open our hearts to One who knows all our thoughts.

L. Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." We come together proclaiming, "God is with us!"

P. We come to be strengthened in our inner being. We seek to pattern our actions after Christ Jesus.

L. God's presence evokes our joyous worship. The Holy Spirit empowers our service.

P. To God be highest glory in the church. To God be endless adoration in the world.

L. Amen.

P. Amen.

****Will you join us in our opening song, "God of Grace and God of Glory", hymn #577, 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:** We have gladly taken more than our share of the world's good. Let us give in proportion to the blessings we have received. May the church be at the forefront of feeding, healing, caring for, and loving God's people. We are the church, the body of Christ, making a difference in the world.

****Will you pray with me?** We join with Jesus in giving thanks for the little things we can see, that our eyes may be opened to the great possibilities we had not imagined. May our efforts be multiplied by your grace so there is more than enough for all—more comfort in sorrow, more relief from pain, more mercy to meet our treachery, more sense of presence amid our loneliness, more strength to overcome our weakness, more joy and enthusiasm to erase our apathy. Amen.

****Scripture Reading** Ephesians 3:14-21 MSG

My response is to get down on my knees before the Father, this magnificent Father who parcels out all heaven and earth. I ask him to strengthen you by his Spirit—not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength—that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite him in. And I ask him that with both feet planted firmly on love, you'll be able to take in with all followers of Jesus the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love. Reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God. God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us. Glory to God in the church!

Glory to God in the Messiah, in Jesus! Glory down all the generations! Glory through all millennia! Oh, yes! This is the word of God for the

people of God. Thanks be to God!

Message Luke 12:32-34 – “Have No Fear Little Flock” -Pastor Adam Woods

Communion

Pastor: As we come to the Lord’s Table today, let us affirm our historic faith in reciting the Apostles’ Creed.

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
Is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Pastor: the Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Let us pray.

**All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Pastor: On the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us,
He took bread, gave thanks to God, broke the bread,
gave it to the disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to God, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you
and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Hear now this prayer: Eternal and loving God, pour out your Holy Spirit
on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and juice.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ,

one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world until Christ
comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

(The congregation will come forward to receive communion)

Communion Song *“Draw Me Close”* -Choir

Closing Song *“Sunshine in My Soul”* -on screen

Blessing for the Week

Choral Benediction

Led by Love pages 124 and 125