

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Welcome *Pastor Adam will give announcements and welcome*

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

****Good morning, I am Chris Ritter 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. God's Spirit gives us good and varied gifts.

P. Praise be to God for the gift of loving one another.

L. God's Spirit reaches out to us with strength and power.

P. Praise be to God for the ability to serve one another.

L. Our lives are enriched by these gifts from God.

P. Praise be to God that we are bound together as one by the Spirit which gives us these gifts.

****Will you join us in our opening song, "Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart", hymn #500, 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: God has shown us the meaning of generosity in the beautiful diversity of creation, in the overflowing love of Jesus Christ, and in the never-ending gift of the Holy Spirit! God has abundantly blessed us and called us to be a community that blesses others through the sharing of our love, our talents, and our material**

possessions. Let us rejoice now in what we have been given and in what is ours to give.

****Will you pray with me? Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. Amen.**

****Scripture Reading Psalm 1**

How well God must like you— you don't walk in the ruts of those blind-as-bats, you don't stand with the good-for-nothings, you don't take your seat among the know-it-alls Instead you thrill to God's Word, you chew on scripture day and night. You're a tree replanted in Eden, bearing fresh fruit every month, never dropping a leaf, always in blossom. You're not at all like the wicked, who are mere windblown dust—Without defense in court, unfit company for innocent people. God charts the road you take. The road they take leads to nowhere. This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

Message Galatians 5:13-26 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 cup.

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 *“There’s a Spirit of Love in This Place”*

Closing Song “Holy Spirit Truth Devine” Hymn #465

Blessing for the Week

Choral Benediction

Compiled from Ruth Duck resources