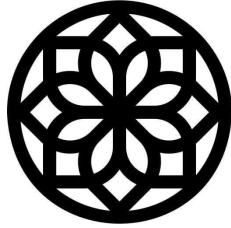




Order of Worship
September 27, 2026
18th Sunday after Pentecost



SPIRIT CAFE
AWAKEN+INSPIRE+MOTIVATE



GATHERING MUSIC – CVC Praise Team

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Psalm 73:1-3, 21-28 (read responsively)

Truly God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.

But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled;
my steps had nearly slipped.

For I was envious of the arrogant;
I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

When my soul was embittered,
when I was pricked in heart,

I was stupid and ignorant;
I was like a brute beast toward you.

Nevertheless, I am continually with you;
you hold my right hand.

You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will receive me with honor.

Whom have I in heaven but you?
And there is nothing on earth that I desire other than you.

My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Indeed, those who are far from you will perish;
you put an end to those who are false to you.

But for me it is good to be near God;
I have made the Lord God my refuge, to tell of all your works.

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, O Christ!**

THE MESSAGE – Just a Closer Walk with Thee – *Pastor Frank Waugh*

SONG OF THE DAY – Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Refrain

***Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.***

**I am weak but thou art strong:
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Refrain***

**Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Refrain***

**When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. *Refrain***

THE CREED – The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity,
✠ one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us
and all of creation.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

To you, O God,
**all hearts are open, and all desires are known. We come to you, confessing our
sins. Forgive us in your mercy and remember us in your love. Show us your
ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your
goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and
resurrection of ✠ Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and
might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

THE OFFERING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

THE INVITATION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

SHARING THE MEAL

A PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE SENDING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you
with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and ☩ give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING MUSIC – CVC Praise Team

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



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