

ORDER OF WORSHIP
October 4, 2026

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and meditation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24:1-2 (ESV)

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

+ **HYMN OF PRAISE**
The Hymnbook, no. 17

We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer

KREMSER

We praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator, In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore Thee, We bless Thy holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship Thee, God of our fathers, we bless Thee; Through life's storm and tempest our Guide
hast Thou been. When perils o'er take us, escape Thou wilt make us, And with Thy help, O Lord,
life's battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer, And gladly our song of true worship we raise;
Our sins now confessing, we pray for Thy blessing, To Thee, our great Redeemer, ever be praise.

+ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have fallen short of Your righteous commands.
We have loved ourselves more than You and have failed to love our neighbors as we ought.
Have mercy upon us, cleanse us from our sin, and lead us in the paths of righteousness for
the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen**

+ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Colossians 2:13b-14 (ESV)

God made us alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the
record of debt that stood against us... This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

+ **PSALM OF PRAISE**
The ARP Psalter, no. 34A (vs. 3)

At All Times I Will Bless the LORD

CHAMPS ELYSEES

O taste and see the LORD is good; Those trusting Him are blessed.
O fear the LORD, saints; none who fear Will be with need oppressed.
The lions young may hungry be, And they may lack their food;
But they who truly seek the LORD will not lack any good.

PASTOR'S PRAYER

(Conclude with 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.

+ HYMN OF FAITH *The Hymnbook, no. 8*

Bless, O My Soul! Living God

PARK STREET

Bless, O my soul! The living God; Call home thy thoughts that rove abroad;
Let all the powers within me join In work and worship so divine, In work and worship do divine.

Bless, O my soul! The God of grace; His favors claim thy highest praise; Why should the
wonders He hath wrought Be lost in silence and forgot, Be lost in silence and forgot.

'Tis He, my soul! Who sent His Son To die for crimes which though hast done; He owns the
ransom and forgives The hourly follies of our lives, The hourly follies of our lives.

Let the whole earth His power confess, Let the whole earth adore His grace; The Gentile with the
Jew shall join In work and worship so divine, In work and worship so divine.

+ STATEMENT OF BELIEF *The Apostles' Creed*

Rev. Hammond

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRESENTATION OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

+ DOXOLOGY *The Hymnbook, no. 544*

Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

SERMON TEXT

Revelation 4:1-6; 5:1-10

SERMON

Home

Rev. Hammond

+ **HYMN OF COMMITMENT**
The Hymnbook, no. 267

Jesus is Tenderly Calling Thee Home

JESUS IS CALLING

Jesus is tenderly calling thee home calling today, calling today;
Sunshine of love wilt thou roam Farther and farther away?
Calling today, Calling today Jesus is calling, Is tenderly calling today.

Jesus us calling the weary to rest Calling today, calling today;
Bring Him thy burden and thou shalt be blest; He will not turn thee away.
Calling today, Calling today Jesus is calling, Is tenderly calling today.

Jesus is waiting O come to Him now Waiting today, waiting today;
Come with thy sins; at His feet lowly bow; Come and no longer delay.
Calling today, Calling today Jesus is calling, Is tenderly calling today.

Jesus is pleading; O list to His voice: Hear Him today; hear Him today;
They who believe on His name shall rejoice; Quickly arise and away.
Calling today, Calling today Jesus is calling, Is tenderly calling today.

+ **CONCLUDING BLESSING**

+ **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Benediction

STUART TOWNEND

May the peace of God our heav'nly Father, and the grace of Christ the risen
Son, and the fellowship of God the Spirit keep our hearts and minds within
His love. And to Him be praise for His glorious reign, from the depths of
earth to the heights of heav'n. We declare the name of the Lamb once slain:
Christ eternal, the King of kings!

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Church Family: Maurice Bennett, Ann Colvin, Marilyn Crocker, Lois Hall, Lamar Kelsey, Elizabeth Levister, Jo Lewis, Sims Lynn, Lou Watts, and Walt Whitman.

Church Members: Wayne Hatcher, Ginny Hatcher, Vic Hayes, Rynn Hayes, Victoria Hayes, Brian Hester, Ginger Hester, and Hannah Varn Hester.

Community: Clay Ballard, David Brown, Tommy Hamilton, Mac Turner, Dink Wade, Rick Ward, and the family of Frankie Wright.

Christian/Churches Around the World: Armenia Methodist Church, Persecuted Christians in China, Displaced Syrian and Iraqi Christians, Christians in the Sudan, Persecuted Christians in Pakistan.

World: Ben and Trish Alexander (England), James & Claire Blackwell (Scotland), Michael & Laura Cochran (England), Sam & Martha Margaret Cotton (Africa), Chris & Katherine Davidson (Inverness, Scotland), Drew & Lauren Goodman (Africa), Benjamin & Josephine Musuhukye (Rwanda), Lee & Joni Shelnett (Pakistan & Rwanda), People who don't know Jesus.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ann Davidson Marion on her birthday, October 9th, with love by Doug, Susan, and Bill Marion.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Join us Wednesday, October 7, 2026, for our morning breakfast and bible study starting at 8:30am in the Barron Room. There will **NOT** be a Wednesday evening meal and activities this week due to fall break in several schools and the Belize Mission trip.

WELCOME

We welcome Rev. Charles Hammond, the Executive Director of Central Services for the General Synod, to our pulpit this morning while Rev. Davis is in Belize with our mission team. Rev. Hammond has served congregations in First and Catawba Presbyteries, with Unity ARP in Lancaster being his most recent congregation. He and his wife, Michelle, have three children. Interestingly, he was Rev. Davis's first boss when they both served New Perth ARP Church in the late 1990s.