

servers will bring the elements to your pew. We celebrate with grape juice and gluten-free bread. Please bring your offering up with you to place in the offering plate.

HYMN “Christ for the World We Sing” #568 (UMH)

BLESSING

PRAYER LIST
Shirley Arnold; Abbie Breen; Rob Butts; Carol; Sarah Connelly; Eric Duquette; Denise; Nancy Fegan; Jerry; Susanne & Eucky Jones; Bonnie Mahnk; Karen Hadad-Meyers; Howard Newton; Patricia; Roy Perry; Evelyn Rinella; Sherrie & Julia; Anne Stevensen; Jane Way; Katie Williams

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Announcements for the Week of 10/4 – 10/10

- 10/4: Worship Service 9 am in the Sanctuary & on Zoom with Communion
Coffee Hour after Worship
Halloween Planning Team Meeting after Worship
- 10/5: AA 7:30 pm
- 10/6 & 10/8: RSVP Osteo Exercise Group 9:30 am to 10:30 am
- 10/7: Knit Wits 1:30 pm
Common Ground Gathering 5:30 pm (Video) 6:30 pm (Discussion)
- 10/8: Ruining Lunch at Plattsburgh United Methodist Church 11:45 am

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World Communion Sunday
October 4, 2026
Rev. Leigh McCaffrey Worship Asst. – Meg Edwards

CENTERING MUSIC/PRELUDE

(If you have prayer concerns, please place them in the BLESSED basket in the rear of the Sanctuary, to be read during Joys and Concerns. If you are new or have changed your information recently, please fill out a green card and place it in the offering plate.)

PASTOR’S GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: On this day, in this room, we are one single congregation.
People: And we are part of something whose edges we cannot see.
Leader: Bread is broken this morning in languages we do not speak,
People: in rooms we will never enter, by people we will never meet.
Leader: The prophet promised a feast on the mountain — rich food for all peoples,
a table set for everyone.
People: The vision showed a crowd no one could count, from every nation and tribe and language.
Leader: Today the Church sets one table across the whole earth.
All: Let us come to it together. Let us come to it gladly.

***HYMN** “Gather Us In” #2236 (STF – blue soft cover)

OPENING PRAYER *(to be said by all)*
God of many names and no borders,
you have never been the property of one people, one language, or one nation. You were worshipped before our churches were built and you will be worshipped after they are gone. This morning we take our place at a table we did not set. Widen us. Loosen whatever we are holding too tightly. Give us the honesty to admit what divides us and the nerve to come to the table anyway. We pray in the name of the one who ate with everyone, and was criticized for it. Amen.

CHILDREN’S TIME

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 20:22-24

The Lord said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites: You have seen for yourselves how I spoke with you from heaven. You shall not make gods of silver alongside me, nor shall you make for yourselves gods of gold. You need make for me only an altar of earth and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your offerings of well-being, your sheep and your oxen; in every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 4:1-6

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

RESPONSE
May God grant us wisdom and courage for interpretation.
Amen Alleluia!

MORNING MESSAGE “Dangerous Liaisons” Pastor Leigh

JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Leader: Holy One, we say the church is one body. We do not always live like it. We have made our table smaller than yours. We have drawn lines you did not draw, and defended them longer than we should have. We have called our own preferences your commandments. We have looked at Christians who worship differently, vote differently, and read differently, and quietly decided they were less.
People: We have also stayed silent while borders hardened, while neighbors were turned away, while churches elsewhere paid a price we never had to pay. Forgive us. Unclench us. Bring us back to the table not as its owners but as its guests. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Leader: Hear the good news: the table was never ours to guard. It has always been set, it has always been open, and there has always been room.
People: In Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM “Majesty, Worship His Majesty” #176 (UMH)

HOLY COMMUNION
Leader: God be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to God.
Leader: Let us give thanks to God our Maker.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, to give you thanks — God of every people, in every place, in every century of the church. You made a world of difference and called it good. You made no two of us alike and loved every one. You called a people, fed them in a wilderness, and told them again and again to leave the edges of the field unharvested for the stranger. When we drew borders, you kept crossing them. When we built walls, you kept setting tables. And so we join our voices with the church in every land and every age, and with all the company of heaven, singing:
All: Holy, holy, holy God, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God. Hosanna in the highest.
On the night he was handed over, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup after supper, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Drink from it, all of you, in remembrance of me. As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the love of God until Christ comes again.
All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
Pour out your Spirit on us, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them for us the body and blood of Christ. Make us, who share them here, one body with the church in every place— including the parts of it we do not understand and would not have chosen. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, God of all peoples, now and forever.

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. Amen.

Reception of the Elements
We invite all present to come forward for Communion. If you cannot come forward, the