

†OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, as we give these monetary gifts back to your lifesaving work, help us to give with humble spirits. May our offering not be mere lip service, but a true reflection of our gratitude and devotion. Bless these resources so they “comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable”. Help us walk into the world today putting your truth into action, living lives that mirror your mercy. Amen.

†HYMN 655

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LEONI

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*The Great Amen*

MARK A. RAMOS

POSTLUDE

*Improvisation on "LASST UNS ERFREUEN"  
("All Creatures of Our God and King")*

JAMES BORATKO

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

October 04, 2026  
10 o'clock

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Rev. Fredd Ward, Senior Pastor  
Jim Boratko, Director of Worship Arts  
Amanda Bethune, Director of Faith Formation

PRELUDES

Excerpt from “Der Hirt auf dem Felsten”  
("The Shepherd on the Rock")  
Michelle Kayser, soprano, Michael Loveland, oboe

FRANZ SCHUBERT

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP

JIMMY QUINN

Leader: Let us hear and heed the wisdom of Scripture. Let us be quick to listen, slow to conclude, and slow to condemn.

Many: **We’ve come to quiet the noise of our daily lives and enter the peace of God’s presence.**

Leader: Do not merely listen to the word, being self-deceived. Instead, be ready to do what it says. For we are called to be doers of the word, and not hearers only.

Many: **We open our ears to receive wisdom that is able to save our souls.**

Leader: Look intently into the perfect law of freedom, and live into it, not forgetting what you have heard, but acting on it.

Many: **Blessed are we in what we do! Let us worship the living God with attentive minds and willing hands.**

†HYMN 671

[Why Stand So Far Away, My God](#)

MORNING SONG

†OPENING PRAYER

Living God, we thank you for planting your truth in our hearts. Help us to lay aside all wickedness and receive your instructions with humility. Grant us grace not merely to hear your word, but to do something because of your word. Keep us from fooling ourselves so that our lives authentically reflect what we know to be true. As we look into your perfect law of liberty, guide our thoughts and quiet our spirits and bless our time together. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO SPEAKER

SCRIPTURE READING

[James 1:19-25](#)

† Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!**  
**Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

SERMON

Engaged Faith: People and Their Environment

Lukas Champagne

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 683

[O for a World](#)

AZMON

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

CALL TO OFFERING

Part of what it means to be doers of the word is to return a portion of what we have first received from God. Let us give in response to the call we have heard.

OFFERTORY

Bread of the World

RICHARD SHEPHARD

The First Church Choir, Kurt Swanson, soloist

†DOXOLOGY 46

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service!