

†OFFERTORY PRAYER

O God, we are blessedly overwhelmed by your steadfast love. We thank you for the abundance of gifts we have been given. We praise you for the peace that passes all understanding. We honor you for guarding our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Receive the gifts we offer this day. Remind us to remain focused on the things that are excellent and admirable, holy and just, righteous and pure. Amen.

†HYMN 102

[*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*](#)

ST. AGNES

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen, Alleluia

JOHN L. BALL

POSTLUDE

Selection
Ryan DeLayo, piano

We welcome Ryan DeLayo as our guest pianist for this morning's service.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

October 11, 2026
10 o'clock

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

PRELUDES

Selection
Ryan DeLayo, pianist

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP

RACHAEL PROTOS

One: Rejoice in God! Always!

Many: We will rejoice in God’s steadfast love.

One: Rejoice in Christ’s impartial grace.

Many: We will rejoice in the justice of Jesus

One: Rejoice in the guidance of the Holy Spirit

Many: This is the day the Creator has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it!

†HYMN 6

[Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above](#)

MIT FREUDEN ART

†OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we come into this worship space with praise on our lips and joy in our hearts. We come to hear words of wisdom that will affirm our original and ongoing investment in the kingdom of heaven. We come -- at your invitation - - seeking strength to stand firm in our conviction: that goodness is stronger than wickedness; that devotion overcomes doubt; that truth does ultimately triumph over treachery. Amen.

MESSAGE FOR ALL

AMANDA BETHUNE

ANTHEM

Somebody’s Knocking at Your Door
The First Church Choir, Kurt Swanson, directing

ARR. JOHN CARTER

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING

[Matthew 22:1-14](#)
† 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

Wedding Crashers: Invited. And. Invested.

rev.fredd

HYMN 79

[God Is My Shepherd](#)

BROTHER JAMES’ AIR

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

God’s steadfast love endures forever. As recipients of God’s mercy, we’re called to extend the same mercy to others by giving our time, talent, and treasure.

OFFERTORY

Loving Shepherd
The First Church Choir, Kurt Swanson, directing

J. S. BACH

†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!