†OFFERTORY PRAYER

Giver of many gifts, enrich the works of our hands, that we may speak your truth and share your grace and your great love with the world. Accept and bless these gifts – visible signs of the honor you are due -- that they may benefit those in need. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

†HYMN 613 *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* WEBB

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Amen, Alleluia* JOHN L. BALL

POSTLUDE *Prelude, from the Prelude and Fugue in B Minor, BWV 544* J. S. BACH

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

October 18, 2026
10 o'clock

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

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PRELUDES *Antiphon III* MARCEL DUPRÉ
Creator of the Stars of Night ARR. CATHY MOKLEBUST
The Whitechapel Handbell Choir, Jessica Berube-Sengupta, director

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP BOB CALEF

One: The nations quake and the people shudder.
Many: God sits enthroned in the heavens, bringing justice and righteousness.
One: The mountains tremble and the seas roar.
Many: God's glory is stronger than the foundation of the earth.
One: The humble seek the living God.
Many: God's goodness and mercy sustain the faithful in times of trial. Come, let us worship the Creator of heaven and earth.

†HYMN 17 *O Worship the King* LYONS

†OPENING PRAYER

Mighty God, we stand in awe of your glory as you pass before us and reveal the radiance of your presence. May we embody your word as we strive to live as holy people and respond to the sacred story of your love. Temper our need for certainty with humility and trust. We strive to follow your ways more nearly and perceive your presence more clearly. Amen.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AMANDA BETHUNE

ANTHEM *With Joyful Hearts* ARR. BARBARA B. KINYON
The Whitechapel Handbell Choir, Jessica Berube-Sengupta director

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

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

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 33:12-23

†RESPONSE 113 *Jesus Loves Me!* JESUS LOVES ME

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

SERMON *A Sermon About Certainty* rev.fredd

HYMN 337 *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult* GALILEE

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

We are partners with one another in this place and beyond, seeking to share the blessings of God's creation with all God's children. We join our offerings with our personal efforts to do God's will.

OFFERTORY *O Praise Ye the Lord* PARRY/SCHWEIZER/SHEPHARD
The First Church Choir

†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!