GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

** Please rise in body or spirit*

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission Vikki Smith

Processional and Prelude *Entrada* Charles Callahan

Opening Sentences (Responsive) Vikki Smith

What does the Holy One require of us?
To do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with God. Let us worship God.

Choral Introit

***Opening Hymn** *All Creatures of Our God and King* #15

Gathering Prayer Vikki Smith

Mighty and merciful God, lover of justice and equity, you call us to support the weak, to help those who suffer, and to honor all people. By the power of your Holy Spirit, make us advocates for your justice and instruments of your peace, so that all may be reconciled in your beloved community; through Jesus Christ Our Savior. Amen.

***Confession and Pardon (Unison)** Vikki Smith

Loving God, through Jesus Christ you taught us, "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Yet we continue to put our faith in earthly treasures, hoarding up possessions that moth and rust will destroy, clinging to power and privilege whenever we can. Set us free from greed and fear. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Teach us to trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ, our true redeemer.

***Passing of the Peace (Responsive)**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

***Congregational Response** *In My Life* #468 v.1,4

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today,
In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination Vikki Smith

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteous. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Vikki Smith

Word in Music *At the Table of the Lord* Jay Althouse

Gospel Reading Matthew 21: 33-46 (from *The Message*)

Sermon Reverend Sam Jones

***Hymn** *When We Are Living* #822

***Affirmation of Faith (Unison)** Apostles' Creed

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.

Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer (Responsive)

Holy God, we come before you in prayer hungering for justice, thirsting for righteousness, longing for peace.

We pray with a great multitude from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages. We pray with saints of every time and place, those who have gone through the great ordeal …

…through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who taught us this 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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

With great thanksgiving and praise for the work of God throughout the world, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Offertory *Reflections* Charles Callahan

***Doxology** #606

***Prayer of Dedication**

EUCHARIST

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

On the Lord's Day, Christians from around the world gather at the table, one family sharing one meal. On this day, we focus our attention on that global gathering that happens every time we share the cup and the loaf. Christ invites us: "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink."

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, loving God, creator and sustainer of life.
You planted the first fields — wheat, barley, rice, and maize — and made us in your image to care for your creation.
You fed your people in the wilderness with manna from heaven, leading them to a land of milk and honey.
When human greed trampled the poor you spoke through the prophets, calling us to worship you with justice and peace.
Then, in the fullness of time, you sent Jesus Christ, the living bread, to lift up the oppressed and lowly and fill the hungry with good things. Therefore we praise you, joining the faithful who hunger and thirst for righteousness and singing the hymn of the whole creation.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, #562
God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
We praise you, most holy God, for Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. He taught us to share the abundance of your love, feeding the multitude, eating with sinners and strangers, offering his own body to save us, and pouring out his life for the world.
When the risen Christ appeared to his disciples, he made himself known to them in the breaking of the bread. Even now he sets the table for us, inviting all to taste and see that you are good.
We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way Jesus took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.
Remembering all that you have done in Jesus Christ, we offer our lives to you with great thanksgiving as we share this feast of love and grace.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. #563

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, and one with all who share this meal, a great multitude from every nation. Keep us faithful to Christ's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers, sharing our goods with one another, and giving our possessions to those who are in need, so that all people may have their daily bread, this day and every day. Just as the grain, once scattered across the hills, was gathered together in this loaf of bread, gather your people from the ends of the earth, so that we may feast with you in glory in the joy of your new creation. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.
Amen. #564

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer After Communion (Unison)

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe, for you have satisfied our souls with this feast of your grace. Keep us faithful in your service until your realm of glory comes; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn** *The Church's One Foundation* #321

***Blessing and Charge (Responsive)**

The blessing of the holy, triune God, who was and is and is to come- first and last, beginning and end, Alpha and Omega- be with you now and always, **Alleluia.**

Go in peace to love the Lord your God with heart and soul and mind and strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself. **Amen.**

Postlude *Toccata* Charles Callahan

Those Serving Today	**Those Serving 10/11/26**
Rev. Sam Jones, Pastor	Rev Jeff Sockwell, Pastor
Vikki Smith, Liturgist	Michael Allen, Liturgist
Peggy West, Greeter	Louise Spry, Greeter
Paul Vincent, Technology	Paul Vincent, Technology
Rachel Gragson, Organist and Choir Director	Rachel Gragson, Organist and Choir Director

Prayer Concerns

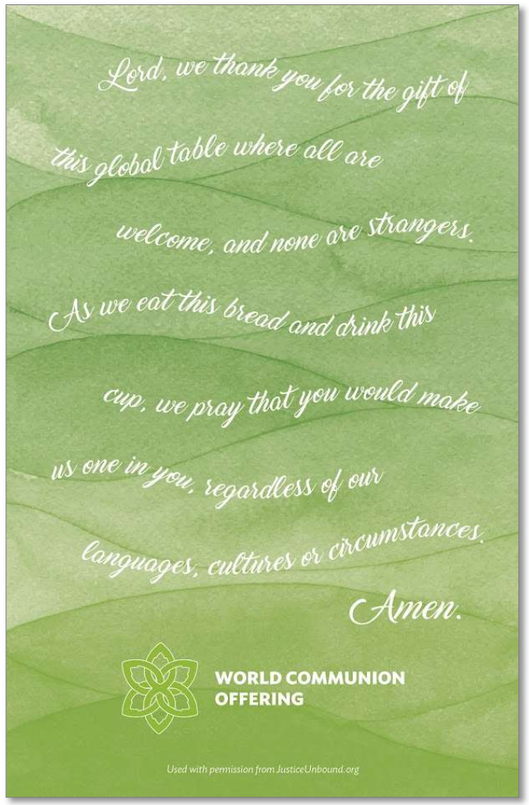
Dawn Kidd, Joe Medlin, Deb Kuntzelman, Julie Foster, Tom Traywick, Charles Gregg, Larry and Dianne Roby, Dylan DeVries, Brad and Kathy Post, Mary Midgett, Bette Lou Campbell, Joe Gibbs and Sam Gibbs, Norman Lawrence.

This Week

Sunday – World Communion Sunday, Noisy Coin Collection
Wednesday - Tai Chi/Qigong 9:00 am (in fellowship hall)
Wednesday – Choir Practice 4:30 pm
Thursday - Painting Pals 1:00-4:00 pm (in fellowship hall)

Cann Memorial Presbyterian Church
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