



Worship Service for the
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 2026

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude “All Glory Be to God on High”

arr. M. Burkhardt

Choral Introit “You Are Holy”

J. Metzger

The Greeting

***The Mutual Greeting**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

***The Call to Worship**

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth!
I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we
have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.

**We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the
glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.**

He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he
commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know
them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children,

**so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments.**

We Worship God

***The Opening Hymn** “O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

LUYH 590 vs 1,2,4,6,8

***The Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, you promised through your prophet to remove the heart of stone from your people and give them a heart of flesh, and you have shown us in your Son that no one can come to him unless you yourself draw them: draw us now, we ask, by your Spirit, to see and savor the glory of the gospel we are about to hear, and, this day, to receive at your Table.

Soften our hard and unbelieving hearts to your word, and having been so drawn ourselves, make us willing to hold out this same gospel to others who cannot come unless you draw them too; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***The Opening Song “Wonderful, Merciful Savior”**

Rogers/Wise

We Confess & Are Assured of Grace

The Call to Confession

Psalm 78 calls us not to be like the generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God, therefore let us confess our sin together.

The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,
you have said that what is impossible for us is possible for you, yet we confess that we keep trying to save ourselves by what is possible for us — our own effort, our own goodness, our own strength of will.
We have not denied ourselves and taken up our cross to follow your Son, but have followed only where it cost us little.
We have treated the gospel of Christ crucified and risen as something to privately hold, rather than a treasure worth declaring, and we have let hearts you meant to be soft grow hard again toward its wonder.
Forgive our self-reliance, Lord. What we cannot do, you have done, and are doing still. Amen.

The Words of Assurance

Hear the word of the gospel: "By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

This is what our Catechism means by true faith: "not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in his Word is true; but also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation."

Friends, this faith itself is God's gift to you, not your achievement. So hear it, and believe it: in the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven, you are made right with God, and salvation is yours.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

Ephesians 2:8-9; Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 21

The Song "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

LUYH 425

God Speaks & We Receive His Word

The Prayer of Blessing for Children

Parents and members of this covenant family: will you commit yourselves, again this week, to proclaim the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ, trusting not in your own strength, but in the grace of God who works in you both to will and to work for his good pleasure?

We will, God helping us.

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. May you know and treasure Christ all your days, for the glory of God and the joy of every generation to come. Amen.

(Children 4 years-5th Grade are invited to Walk Out Worship.
They will return to the sanctuary to join their families for communion.)

The Prayer of Illumination

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that we — and the generation rising after us — may be complete, equipped for every good work. Open our eyes now to see what you would teach us about the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Sermon “Of First Importance”

We Respond in Faith

***The Song of Response** “Yet, Not I But Through Christ in Me”

City Alight

The Lord’s Supper

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Almighty God, maker of heaven and earth: we give you thanks. We thank you for your works of old, which you have not hidden from us but have told to us, that we might tell them to the coming generation — for your covenant with Israel, your law given at Sinai, your patience with a stubborn and stiff-necked people. We thank you above all for your Son, Jesus Christ, who took on flesh, lived the obedient life we could not live, was crucified for our sin, and was raised on the third day, so that the door to your presence was thrown open.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us now, we ask — not that this bread and this cup would become something other than bread and wine, but that by your Spirit we, who are joined to Christ by faith, might truly feed on him, his body and blood given for us, and be strengthened, nourished, and united to him and to one another as his one body.

Hear us, too, as we bring before you those for whom we long to see this same grace:

The Prayers of the People

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, singing together:

***The Sung Lord's Prayer**

Williamson

The Words of Institution

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread that we break — is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The Communion Songs

"Come to the Table"

J. Althouse

"I Come with Joy"

LUYH 533 vs 1-3,5

"Behold the Lamb"

LUYH 840 vs 1-3

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

LUYH 568 vs 1,3,4

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, we thank you that at this table you have fed us with the very gospel we came to proclaim — Christ crucified and risen, given for us. Send us out now to declare with our lips what we have just received in our hands: that what is impossible with us is possible with you. Give us grace to deny ourselves and take up our cross daily and follow your Son, until he comes again. Amen.

The Offering *River Rock Church*

The Offertory "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

J.S. Bach/A.W. Leupold

God Sends Us Out

***The Closing Hymn "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

LUYH 965

***The Benediction**

The Postlude “Fanfare”

J.J. Mouret

Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Organ: Jean Schuitman

Piano: Julie Hordyk

Vocalists: Patrice Frantz & Sally Wagenmaker

We display music on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) in pew rack; OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#7750

Welcome Guests:

Welcome, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a Guest Card (in the pew rack) and place it in the offering basket or scan the back of this bulletin for an online form. Also, join us for coffee and cookies after church so we can meet you!

This Sunday:

Today’s Ministry Spotlight: *River Rock Church* in Folsom, CA, is the church that Pastor Tim and Betsy planted in 1998. Pastor Tim was also the interim pastor of this church from 2020-2022. Currently, Pastors Josiah Gorter and Noel DeLuna are leading the congregation. River Rock covets your prayers and support.

Worship Center I & II: Today our children will learn about Communion. While they see, hear, and participate with us each month, they will learn more about Jesus' important promise to be with us, the early church's continuation to hold up these symbols as a way to remember Jesus, and our commitment to continue in the work of Christ until his second coming.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Please pray for Eileen Harnden as she will be undergoing gallbladder surgery on October 13.

Please pray for Garrison Koch following his recent surgery.

Please pray for Jack & Ruth as Ruth is now receiving Hospice Care.

Please pray for continued healing and recovery for Larry Kieft.

“Thank you for all your prayers and support. I am doing very well!” ~ Dan Braak

We extend sympathy to Deb & Bob Wagenmaker, Rob & Joslyn Wagenmaker and their family in the passing of Deb’s father Scott Presley on September 22nd.

Church Announcements:

Grand Haven Chrisitan School: We gives thanks to God for a great start to the 2026/2027 school year and the new spaces we have through the Bright Hope project. We are also grateful for the prayers, encouragement, and financial support of this church and invite you to an open house on Sunday, October 4 at 3 PM, with a building dedication worship service at 4pm in the gymnasium, and visiting time after until 6pm. We hope that you can join us as we give thanks and praise God for His continued goodness and faithfulness to our homes, churches, and school.

Ping Pong: Join us Monday, October 5th at 1:30pm in the Lower Level. If you have questions, please see Dale Schuitema.

Save the Date: New Members classes will be held November 8th and 15th.

SWANs: Tuesday, October 20 we will tour the Holland Bowl Mill factory followed by lunch at James St. Restaurant. Carpool from church at 10AM. Reservations are REQUIRED by October 15. Please contact Carole at 616-502-2015. Drivers will be needed.

Tool Time Men's Bible Study: Join us Saturday, October 10th at 8:00am in the North Hall. Future Dates: Oct 24; Nov 7 & 21; Dec 5 & 19.

Volunteer Schedule

October 4, 2026

Projection: Paul Marotti

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jim Query, Dan Meindertsma, Ethan Hodge

Sound: Mike Katje

Ushers: Team 6 – Ron Brouwer, Dave VanderHeide, Rob Wagenmaker, Doug Zuidema

Coffee Hosts: Dave Vander Wall; Ralph Veldboom; Joan Tandler; Nancy Levenburg

Nursery: Cathy Brolick, Mary Terpstra,

Little Lambs: Onika Beswick, Vivienne McCarthy

Walk Out: Sheri Van Duyn, Ian Clapp

Greeters: Sheila Warners; Eric & Dawn Rotman

Council in Parlor: Anne Zuidema, Ken Terpstra

Offering: River Rock Church

October 11, 2026

Projection: Eric Wolffis

Video: Dan Wagenmaker, Jason Zuidema, Jay Brace, Jason Zuidema

Sound: Jim Warners

Ushers: Team 7 – Dale Schuitema, Kraig Brolick, Cathy Brolick, Garry VanderBerg

Coffee Hosts: David & Cherise Vander Heide; Alan & Cynde Van Dyke

Nursery: Victoria McCarthy, Carissa Marotti

Little Lambs: Sheila Warners, Gloria Russell, Alice Hendricks

Walk Out I: Barb Fritz, Reed VanStratt

Walk Out II: Annie Hoekzema, Rio Gasser

Greeters: Anne Zuidema; John & Marie Rycenga

Council in Parlor: Alan VanDyke, Dan Braak

Offering: Love In Action - Current Need

Calendar

Sunday, October 4

10:00AM – Worship Service

11:30AM – Bell Choir Rehearsal

Monday, October 5

9AM-1PM – Office Hours

1:30PM – Ping Pong

Tuesday, October 6

9AM-1PM – Office Hours

7PM-8PM – Friendship Club

7PM – Leadership Board Mtg

Wednesday, October 7

9AM-1PM – Office Hours

1PM – Knitting/Craft Group

5:30PM – Midweek Meal

6:30PM – Midweek Teaching

Thursday, October 8

Office Closed

1:30PM – Women's Bible Hour

7:00PM – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 9

Office Closed

Saturday, October 10

8:00AM – Tool Time

Sunday, October 11

10:00AM – Worship Service

11:30AM – Bell Choir Rehearsal

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Rooted: Discovering the Gospel Together

Our Midweek Gathering is a seven-week series built around one question:
how do we pass on a living faith to the next generation?

Each Wednesday opens with dinner at 5:30, followed by teaching (children's and youth ministry provided), and each week's theme carries into Sunday morning as well.

This is for the parent rocking a newborn at 2 a.m., wondering how to raise a child who loves Jesus. It's for the grandparent who keeps praying, keeps encouraging, keeps pointing grown children and grandchildren back to Jesus. It's for the teacher shaping young hearts every week—here at Second and in classrooms across our community. It's for the young adult still working out what you believe.

And it's for every leader entrusted with shepherding this church— elders, deacons, care volunteers. Every single one of you has a part to play in raising up the next generation.

Together, we'll explore seven commitments for becoming rooted and grounded in the gospel:

1. Embrace a biblical vision for the faith of the next generation.
2. Foster a robust partnership between church and home.
3. Teach the breadth and depth of the whole counsel of God.
4. Proclaim the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.
5. Disciple the mind, heart, and will.
6. Pray with dependence on God's sovereign grace.
7. Inspire worship of God, for the glory of God.

Sign Up at the Welcome Desk or online at: <https://bit.ly/4i1az4J>

