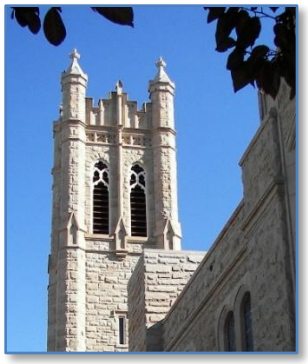

WORSHIP NOTES

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. You have chosen to be a part of the Body of Christ that has been worshipping together for over 220 years. Welcome! We are glad you are here.

The 11:00am service is broadcast at 1240AM and 95.7FM. The livestream of our service can be found on the Christ Church Facebook page, which is also accessible from our church website: www.ccumwv.org.

All songbooks are located between the seats. Song texts will also be projected on the screens.

Congregational responses are in ***bold italic.***

Please see an usher if you need a hearing assist.

The text to the Hymn of Praise #2001 was written in 1993 by Lutheran retired professor, Garcia Grindal. The text is based on Psalm 96: 1-2. The tune was composed in 1770 by Rev. John Darwall, who composed musical settings to all 150 psalms. This tune was used with Psalm 148.

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Sunday, October 11, 2026 11:00 a.m.

20th Sunday after Pentecost † - Those who are able, please stand

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VOLUNTARY

"Intrada" from Suite for Organ.....John Ireland

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Timothy Bias, Lead Pastor

INTROIT Chancel Choir

"I Will Worship the Lord".....John Rutter

I will worship the Lord all the days of my life; I will tell of his glory and will show forth his praise; I will sing and rejoice, for the Lord is my stronghold. Alleluia!

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† CALL TO WORSHIP

We come as seekers,
Unsure of what we seek.
We come as followers,
Not understanding the One we follow.
We come to worship,
Even though we don't know how.
Holy One, by your grace,
Meet us where we are.
Meet us here.
Meet us now. Amen.

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE #2001 The Faith We Sing

"We Sing to You, O God".....DARWALL'S 148TH

† GATHERING PRAYER

Bread of life,
you taught us to put away bitterness and anger,
and with tenderhearted kindness
to share the fruit of our labor with the needy.
Strengthen us by your grace,
that in communion with you,
we may forgive one another
and live in love as Christ loved us. Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES

† THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us share in signs of reconciliation and peace.

† SHARING IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

† GLORIA PATRI REGENT SQUARE

God Almighty, Great Creator, Lord and Father, King and Friend,
Ever full, yet ever giving, pure, but quick to condescend!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Love that none can comprehend!

God the Father, Son and Spirit! All around and all within,
He has wrapped us in His being. All is life and peace in Him.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Morning dawns, let life begin!

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The text to the Gloria Patri is Trinitarian in nature praising God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. This modern adaptation is by author, teacher, publisher and hymn writer, Ken Bible, who currently lives in St. Olathe, Kansas. The tune, REGENT SQUARE, was composed in 1867 by organist Henry Smart, who left the law profession to focus on being a musician. Regent Square is in London, England and was the location of St. Philip's Presbyterian Church where Henry Smart was organist. The church building was heavily damaged during World War II and was torn down in 1965.

MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

SHARING OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER

"Holy One, You Hear Our Longings".....PICARDY

Holy One, you hear our longings,
Hopes and hungers, needs and pain,
Heal our wounds, and those we've wounded;
Free us from our fears and chains.
Silence every voice of hatred until only love remains.

Though the shadows dim our vision,
Hope is dawning like the sun.
Give us strength to tend the wounded,
Till your new world has begun.
Word of Justice, Living Promise, be our life, O Risen One!

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The text for the Preparation for Prayer was written by Rev. Chris Shelton, pastor of Broadway Presbyterian Church in New York City. The text was inspired during a hymn study Rev. Shelton was leading for college students. The tune, PICARDY, is a 17th c. French melody that is most often sung to the text, "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence." This text was chosen to align with our sermon series, "What God Wants Us to Do."

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

THE 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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES

The text to the anthem is taken from the Shaker hymn, *"O Holy Father, "*which is attributed to Alonzo Gilman of the Shaker community in Alfred, Maine, 1851. Shaker music was traditionally sung in unison and without accompaniment. Elaine Hagenberg is one of today's leading composers of sacred music.

Today we continue our fall sermon series, "What God Wants Us to Do." For the month of September, the theme is "Live into God's Mission."

A Doxology is a short hymn of praise and thanksgiving to God, which is also Trinitarian in nature praising God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The text, "praise God, from whom all blessings flow," was first written in 1674 by Rev. Thomas Ken, a priest in the Church of England. The text we sing today is an altered version of the original 1674 text, written in 1974 by Rev. Dr. Gilbert Vieira, United Methodist minister in the San Francisco Bay area of California. The tune is a German Catholic tune dating from 1623. The harmony was created in 1906 by the great British composer, Ralph Vaughan Williams.

The text to Hymn #2241 was written in 1993 by Sister Delores Dufner, a member of St. Benedict's Monastery in St. Joseph, Minnesota. She is also a composer and organist. The text is based on Isaiah 61: 1-4 and Luke 4: 16-22. The text is full of 'action verbs' that compel Christians to serve as empowered by the Holy Spirit. LAND OF REST is an American folk tune that has historic connections to Northern England and Scotland. It was first published in America in The Christian Harp Songbook, 1832.

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

"I Will Be a Child of Peace".....Elaine Hagenberg

O Holy Father I will be a child of peace and purity for well I know Thy hand will bless the seeker after righteousness.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – *Rules for the New Life*

Ephesians 4: 25 - 5: 2 Bible, pg. 194

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

† GOSPEL LESSON – *The Commissioning of the Disciples*

Matthew 28: 16-20 Bible, pg. 34

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON – *"Offering God's Love"* Dr. Bias

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OFFERTORY

"Offertory in D Major".....Colin Mawby

† DOXOLOGY #94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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† OFFERTORY PRAYER

† HYMN OF RESPONSE #2241 The Faith We Sing

"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve".....LAND OF REST

† BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE

"Great Amen".....Marvic Ramos

† POSTLUDE

"Rigaudon".....G.F. Handel